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Andover school withdrawal plan accounts for SAD 44 debts, assets

By ALISON ALOISIO

A 15-page proposed agreement drawn up by the Andover Withdrawal Committee outlines the town's plan to account for its assets and debt/financial responsibility in SAD 44, should Andover vote to leave the district.

It also describes how nearly 100 Andover students would be educated.

The SAD 44 School Board is expected to hold an initial discussion of the proposal with its attorney at its meeting Monday, according to Supt. Dave Murphy.

Andover and the district will then formally negotiate a final agreement, to be voted upon by town residents in the spring. If approved, the withdrawal would take effect June 30 of this year.

In addition to providing for the education of students, a withdrawal plan must address the town's

share of responsibility for the district's outstanding debt, as well as compensate the town for its share in the assets of the district. Andover has been a member of SAD 44 since the district's formation in 1965.

The Andover plan, created with the assistance of legal and educational consultants, addresses in detail how Andover and SAD 44 would part ways. Following are some key points, but they do not include every provision or scenario addressed in the plan.

The proposal calls for the town to form its own new School Administrative Unit, and to continue to provide education for its K-5 students at the Andover Elementary School.

During the first year after withdrawal Andover students could contin-

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Cold and snow? No problem



The bison at the Beech Hill Farm & Bison Ranch in Waterford are well-prepared for the winter snow and cold of Maine. The natives of the Great Plains are kept warm by their heavy coats. During snowstorms, said ranch owners Ted and Doretta Colburn, the animals lie down and, as the snow collects, they appear as white lumps in the pasture. Pictured here are two calves. The smaller calf was born later than usual last year, in October, while the larger one was born last spring. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bethel man named 2013 inaugural poet

Richard Blanco of Bethel was named Wednesday as the inaugural poet for President Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony Jan. 21, according to published reports.

Blanco will write an original poem to be read at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Born in Spain and brought up in Miami, Fla., he is the son of Cuban exiles. He earned a degree and worked in engineering in Miami before going into writing.

He has lived in Bethel since 2009, and currently serves as the vice-chairman of the Bethel Planning Board.

Blanco could not be reached for comment by press time. On his Facebook page he wrote, "Yes, it's true! I've been given the honor of being selected to read a poem at President Obama's Inauguration. I'm so blessed and humbled... and excited!"



WINTER SPORTS BANNERS DECORATE GREENWOOD-Mt. Abram, with the help of the Greenwood Fire Department, recently placed banners on utility poles in town. The banners vary in the winter sports depicted. They will remain for the winter season. This one is located on Route 26, next to the former Round Pond Store.

Photography hobby leads Hanover man to restore Templars document

By TATUM BROWN

As a child, Chris Howe of Hanover never imagined himself restoring the century-old documents hanging on the walls of the Knights of Pythias building in Hanover.

His first interest was photography, and his goal was simply to earn enough money to buy a camera. He achieved it by selling Christmas cards from a kit he bought through a comic book ad-

vertisement.

"Once I sold enough to buy my camera, I threw the rest of the cards away," he said.

Taking photos wasn't just a passing fancy of childhood. He's continued to hone his skills to this day.

During the warmer months, he enjoys taking outdoor photos. But in the winter, he turns his attention toward experimenting with various artistic shots and indoor photography.

"I don't like the short days this time of year, but it gives me a good opportunity to do a lot of my own work. Like these here," he said, gesturing toward several artistic prints on display at his Hanover store, Gordie Howe's.

It was taking photos that led him to document restoration projects.

"It started with photography — improving on the photography end of it, and the framing part too,"

he said. "Over time, you find these documents — in frames, out of frames, whatever — and you say, 'Wow, that'd be nice to fix up.' So I started researching how to restore documents online."

Chris's first restorations were documents and photos belonging to his own family, including a coat-of-arms, his great-grandfather's birth certificate,

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Munford to receive Governor's award

By ALISON ALOISIO

Later this month, Troy Munford of Bethel will receive the Governor's Award for Tourism Excellence for his work in bringing dozens of bus and other group tours to the Bethel area and other parts of Maine.

Munford, the tour & travel sales manager for Sunday River and Sugarloaf resorts, will be recognized at the Governor's

Conference on Tourism at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.

His selection was confirmed last week by Sunday River spokesman Darcy Morse.

He was nominated by Bethel-area businesses that benefited from his work, including Bethel Outdoor Adventures and Maine Mineralogy Expeditions, as well as Greg Sweetser, executive director of the Ski

Maine Association and Sunday River President/General Manager Dana Bullen.

The criteria for the award notes that tourism excellence "is a combination of all that epitomizes a true hospitality leader. The attributes of the nominee can include a commitment to the tourism industry through creative and successful marketing and promotional efforts,

leadership, growth and innovation."

"It is a real honor to receive this award," Munford said last week.

A Saco native who has worked at Sunday River since 2004, he handles all of tour operator business for the resort, ranging from day bus trips coming to United Kingdom student groups. For Sugarloaf, he handles international tour operator business.

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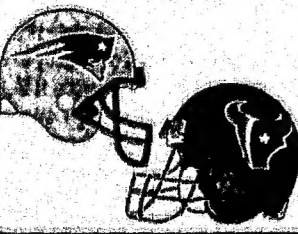
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Letters

UPTON ISSUES

To the Editor:

I was surprised to read some of Selectman Robert Pepler's comments in last week's article entitled "Selectman Informally Queries Residents on De-organizing Upton."

Of particular note is Pepler's statement that a lot of good people don't want to run for office in Upton. At the beginning of October 2012, in a special election, Pat Kenyon was elected to the office of Selectman in a landslide vote. Supporters of Ms. Kenyon speak freely of her honesty and integrity. Her election also, to my knowledge, marked the first time in the town's history that the board would be comprised of a women's majority. Unfortunately, due to a technicality in the posting of the warrant for the election, Ms. Kenyon has not been seated as elected.

According to Selectman Pepler, another special town meeting was not called because "we did not want to spend the money." Instead, no election is planned until the regular town meeting in June, and the selectmen's office will carry on its duties with just two members.

This seems a corundum - to talk of dissolving a 150-year-old town charter and give up something as precious as home rule, based in part on a lack of good people to run for office, when in fact such a popular candidate is told to chill her jets for eight months rather than taking her elected office.

It is my understanding that the cost of a special election would be approximately \$100 to pay for a moderator, a little bit of heat and some pencils and paper. Perhaps such a meeting could be made more cost-effective to the town with a re-vote on Mr. Pepler as well. He, too, was fairly recently elected at a special town meeting and, since according to his own research, the same procedures for town meetings/opening statements of the warrants have been followed for the past 10 years, he would not be legitimately elected either. In fact, some residents of the town have begun to question the legality of contracts and other town business, since it would seem that none of the selectmen are technically legally elected.

Furthermore, taxpayers who bring issues before the town deserve the attention of a full board and the ability to have a tie-breaking vote.

Let's not talk out giving up a town charter based, in part, on a lack of people to serve in office, when there is a citizen ready, willing and able to take that role.

Dean Merchant
Upton

THANKS TO ROAD CREW

To the Editor:

I just did my weekly trip to fill my water jugs at the spring along Route 26.

Though I love this source of water in the winter I approach this task with a bit of anxiety due to the possible icy conditions.

I was very pleased to see how well maintained the area was along plowed out area and the steps were shoveled and sanded with a good back in/turn around area.

Thank you Woodstock Road crew!

Emily Ecker
Woodstock

CHRISTMAS THANKS

To the Editor:

How do we begin saying THANK YOU to all that have donated from cash to presents, we are simply amazed at where the help comes from. We have families that have been helped in the past and now are in a position to help others. Goes to prove what goes around comes around again this year.

As in the past years a special Thank You to Maine Street Realty for allowing their office to be the drop off for so many wonderful gifts and money. To the American Legion in Locke's Mills, Rooster's Roadhouse, the ATV club, Sunday River skiers and the Motorcycle club for their fundraisers. The generosity of so many others is such a long list it is hard to address each and every one of them but know that without all the help we would not be able to give all that we do. Even strangers ask what we are doing and give donations.

Christmas for Families has operated in the Bethel area for 33 years. We had taken care of needs through Portland Press Herald for a few years before coming to Bethel. The generosity of the community has allowed the program to grow each year. It is truly overwhelming to see the generosity of the community in supporting Christmas for Families. Each year the need seems to grow and it is wonderful to be able to help provide a Christmas for all of the families that otherwise would have had little or nothing.

This year we have helped 85 families, 230 children plus their parents.

Have a Happy New Year and we wish you all the best.

Nina Wheeler
Christmas for Families Director

REMEMBERING BRAD BARKER

To the Editor:

The recent passing of Brad Barker brings back a plethora of humorous memories. At first meeting, Brad usually appeared to be a rather conservative, almost stolid individual, but just below the surface, so to speak, was a mischievous personality that was often thoroughly unpredictable. Serving on the Bethel Board of Selectmen with him from 1975 to 1978 allowed me to experience his dedication to the community and the business at hand, but also to see another sometimes outrageous side to him. One of the burdens those of us on the Board at the time experienced was the presence of a member of the community at our meetings who was convinced that he was needed to make certain we made all the right decisions and remained honest. We referred to him as the "Sixth Selectman," and it became almost a paparazzi encounter during those days as he constantly photographed members of the Board coming and going from their residences and any activities they were involved in both public and private. My reaction to the situation was to ignore his presence as much as possible, but he really annoyed Brad with his constant surveillance.

During one notable meeting of the Board of Selectmen, we went from one room to another in the Cole Block. When we returned to the room, where we had left our hats and coats, Brad, to my surprise, suddenly started stomping on a hat that had fallen to the floor. Selectman Sam Timberlake entered the room at about that time and was appalled by the sight of Brad's actions, exclaiming with some annoyance, "What are you doing to my hat?" The look of horror on Brad's face as he realized his error (mistaking it for that of our "Sixth") provided his fellow Board members who witnessed this episode with considerable mirth for the rest of our days. From that time on, whenever we saw Brad our thoughts often went back to that memorable occasion in the 1970s when he assaulted Sam's hat with such vigor and intensity!

It should also be noted that Brad, along with his wife Judy, was long a life member of the Bethel Historical Society, and together they supported the Society generously over the years.

All of us who knew Brad will greatly miss his presence and humor. There are many other vivid memories of Brad that I will treasure for the rest of my days. He was devoted to his family and became a very successful businessman. I am certain he will be long remembered by his loved ones along with those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him through these many years.

Stan Howe
Bethel

MY BROTHER'S RETIREMENT

To the Editor:

I had a few thoughts I'd like to share after reading the article about my oldest brother's retirement from the Bethel Historical Society.

Stan is quite correct about our childhood being intensely influenced by the past. We were blessed with many hours of story telling in our home by relatives and friends, people who helped make Bethel a wonderful place to grow up. We also had the benefit of growing up on a farm where the tools of olden days were all around, and sometimes still used. The manners and expectations of our family were heavily guided by our ancestors, and community service was valued.

I am sorry to say I took the Bethel Historical Society for granted until I moved to Bangor, where we purchased a house built in the early 1800's. I made my first visit to the Bangor Historical Society with items I had found in the walls during renovation, and was struck by the difference between the two Societies. The attitude at Bethel was to accept and value local people wishing to help preserve the community. I was disappointed when trying to find out the history of the house I owned, because nobody could help me. The Bethel Society has a wonderful program where they researched every home on our streets, a resource available to the public. This is just one of the projects, fulfilled by volunteers, beneficial to the town put in place during Stan's time. The oral history program gathered many voices from our past. The gardens not only received plants from, but also returned them to the community. The items collected during his time there do total in the thousands, and much thought and time went into the preservation and recording of each piece.

Yes, there have been many active and valuable volunteers over the decades, but a strong volunteer force is only strong because it is cultivated. Stan was very good to the many folks who donated their time to the BHS. He was constantly looking for ways to involve the community, and never hesitated to ask for help. I believe it is safe to say the BHS would be a much weaker and poorer organization without his willingness and ability to put the needs of the BHS over his own.

His work was shoved into the edges of the days so he could attend to some of those "unexpected interruptions" he referred to, and I often saw him uncomplainingly work very late to catch up because someone had shown up and taken many hours out of the middle of his day. That kind of dedication goes far beyond the usual expectations of employees, and the Society benefited enormously from his selflessness.

I intend no disrespect to anyone connected to the BHS, but I am certain the latitude Stan's fundraising ability will never be topped.

He wrote many grant proposals, individual letters to potential donors, personal requests to organizations and businesses. He guided the finances to wring every benefit for the Society. He connected with and maintained connections with organizations and people all over the globe, creating yet another awareness in the "global community" of our little town, an awareness which continues to benefit Bethel.

Yes, I am proud of Stan's life's work, and while there is so much more I could say, I would like to close by saying there will be many stories saved because of him. Not only Bethel, but America is better because of him. I hope he enjoys his "retirement"!

Cathy Howe
Bethel

Celladore

'How do you like the climate?'

We never had another one. People in town reported now and then cold down to thirty below zero. Ten below was our coldest up here and that was often. We bought two new thermometers, thinking our old ones were not working properly, but no different readings. Once we had one "cold snap" when for a short time we were at twenty below. It came with no warning. In a sleeveless jersey, I was reading in the north end of the big living room when B.B. announced that he thought we were in for some cold weather and that he was going to put on the living room doors. "Whatever gave you that idea?" I asked.

"It's been unusually warm the last few days. The horses are warning me. They hang back in the morning and don't want to go out. Early in the afternoon they start calling to come in."

This seemed arrant nonsense but I went along to hold the lantern while B.B. got the doors down from the barn chamber, swept off the hay and chaff. In the kitchen I wiped them up a bit more, then gathered a few things from the living room and moved them into the study. Off to bed with my window wide open, half woke up with cold feet. I wonder if the sleep and dream researchers have ever thought about this mental state when one is cold, but not cold enough to get up for another blanket. Does one really sleep or is one half awake? Time passes slowly. Strident ringing of the phone. B.B. and I are both downstairs at the same time. There is no water in the Mayville section of town, must be a freeze-up somewhere. The house is warm but the reading is twenty below. B.B. smugly asks me if I am sorry that he put on the doors as with sunrise the wind begins to blow. No sharp retort; we have too many boons not to be joyous; no frozen water, not even in the barn; no city house guests to worry about; no pregnant women. B.B. was off. At noontime it was ten below. I rigged up and dashed to the edge of the woods and back for fresh air but it was difficult to breathe. At six p.m. it was eighteen below, the wind still blowing. After dinner I phoned the Clarks, our only out-of-the-village friends who, like us, had wood fires. They were busy stoking kitchen, furnace, fireplace fires, had been up all the preceding night but even so, the bathroom pipes had frozen. Today they had been out and bought an electric heater for added warmth.

Next day it was only minus eight in the morning, plus eight at noon. B.B. took Melissa, the foal, for a walk as she was being halter broken. I had a tremendous surge of long-postponed mending activity. Only zero that night, a day later it was up to twenty-two; the "cold spell" was over.

In B.C. days we had an occasional germ best us temporarily, always when the weather was at its worst. (B.C. days means before cod liver. Wise Mrs. P.A.T. told us to take one teaspoonful a day from mid-October until it was warm enough in April to split wood without a shirt on. We tried it for an experiment. It worked, never a cold since.) I led such an easy life that only once was I down. The tedious bother of aching bones, dizziness when trying to stand on my feet, did not go away though I drank gallons of fruit juice and water. I was ready to give in and have B.B. take me to the doctor because time was slipping away unused when came a big snowstorm blocking the road. I lay on the study couch, my mind peacefully drifting along on a summer cloud as B.B. took all the responsibility for everything. I was dimly conscious of hearing the snow-pow in the afternoon, of B.B. asking me if I wanted to go to the doctor, of saying no and dreaming on. Next day I was almost well.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Mt. Abram was offering a women's ski program, dubbed "Girls Night to Ski," that included a lesson and group skiing on Friday evenings.

Members of the East Andover Community Club gathered recently for its 64th anniversary.

Deaths: Alice Ayers Morris, Merle I. Kimball, Donald A. Larson, Audrey M. Billings, Brendan P. Mynahan, Arnold C. Sanborn, Shirley E. Goodson.

20 years ago: The Bethel Police Department traded its old blue cruiser for a new black and white.

Telstar High and Middle schools held special assemblies to hang the new school flag that was designed by Eric Currier, class of 1992.

Deaths: Leroy D. Phelps, Jr., Bernice A. Akers, George F. Hill.

30 years ago: The Mt. Abram Lodge, I.O.O.F. was sponsoring public suppers twice a month at the Odd Fellows Hall in Bethel.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Morin and family in Gilead was destroyed by fire.

Birth: Rebecca Lynn Peterson.

40 years ago: Temperatures well below zero, with minimal precipitation were prevalent in the area.

The West Parish Congregational Church hosted approximately 100 young people and advisors for a three-day "mid-winter youth happening."

Births: Hanson Lee Frazier, Lynda Catherine Salway.

Deaths: Seymour F. McAllister, Mrs. Georgianna Brooks, Mrs. Pauline D. Mason, Joseph A. Sauret.

50 years ago: Fire originating in electric tape on the roof caused damage estimated at \$3,000-\$4,000 at the Greenleaf Funeral Home.

Midshipman Jeffrey Hutchins, Maine Maritime Academy, was among those sailing from Castine on the steamship State of Maine.

Birth: Edward Maurice Palmer, Pamela Jean Mack.

Deaths: Mrs. Francis H. Vail, Mrs. Maud Day, Mrs. Daisy B. Morton.

60 years ago: Walter Marcuse was elected to the position of Director of Music for Gould Academy and the Bethel schools.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce were Ralph Young, president; Harold C. Bennett, vice-president; Henry Hastings, treasurer; Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, treasurer.

Birth: Judith Robertson LeClair.

Death: Miss Hope Wheeler.

70 years ago: War Ration Book 2 was issued.

Publishing of troop identification was forbidden by the Office of Censorship.

Gerry Brooks was president of the Chamber of Commerce.

80 years ago: Mrs. William Rogers Chapman was badly injured in an automobile accident.

James D. Alger, West Point cadet, was playing on the West Point basketball team.

Deaths: Mrs. Annie Waite, Mrs. Mary E. Libby, Mrs. James Packard.

90 years ago: H. H. Hastings was nominated, by Gov. Baxter, chairman of the Board of Prison Commissioners.

Miss Cleo Russell took up the duties of postmaster. G. L. Thurston had served in that capacity for eight years.

Death: Mrs. Eda Douglass Knight.

100 years ago: W. W. Kilgore lost a valuable pair of horses. The ice broke on the river dragging the horses under.

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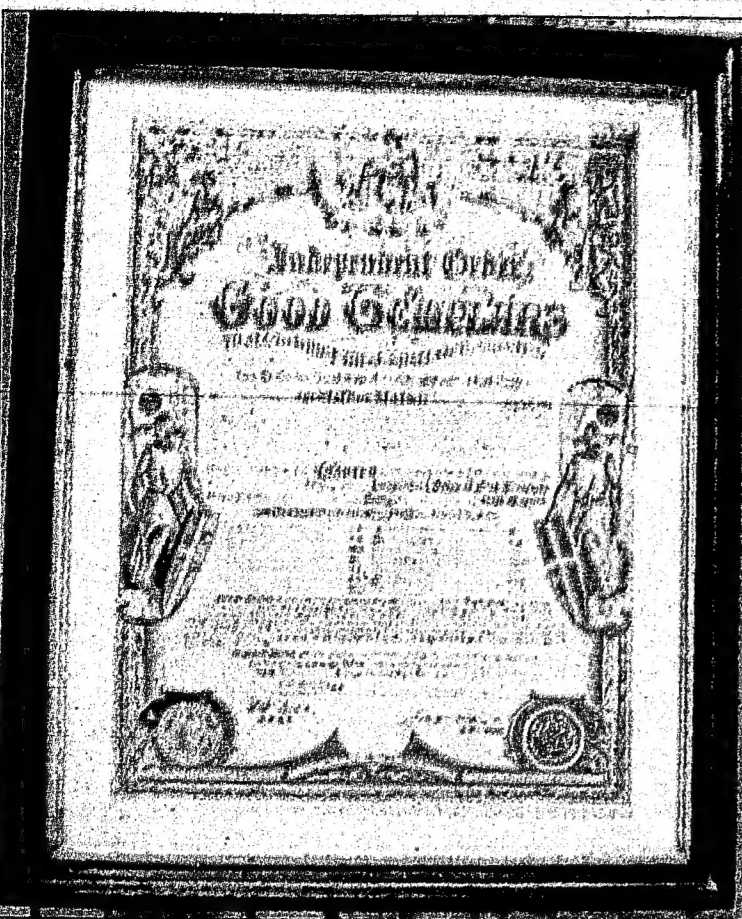
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Howe

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Above: Chris Howe. Left: The restored Good Templars' charter that now hangs in the Hanover Town Office. (Photos: Tatum Brown)

a photograph of his great-great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, and a framed print of Rome predating cars. "I started with my family stuff first. I didn't want to ruin other people's stuff," he said.

Document restoration is a long, multi-step process of using chalk, heat, a mixture of distilled water and specialized bleach, and suction. "You want the chalk to work because it's non-invasive. If that doesn't work, each step gets a little more involved and detrimental to the paper because it's so old and brittle," he explained.

"Then you'll use heat. You put the document between two pieces of acid-free paper, and use an iron, but you've got to be so careful. It's just a slow process to restore it as best you can." After restoring his family's documents, Chris felt he had gained enough

knowledge and experience to tackle another project. "When the Knights of Pythias building sold, I went over with Clem Worcester to remove some objects he thought were important to the town's history and should be preserved," Chris said.

One of the items Clem and Chris removed was the 1899 charter for the order of the Hanover chapter of the Good Templars organization — an international temperance group, popular during prohibition. Though the Hanover chapter is no longer in existence, the Good Templars are still around today.

Chris spent approximately 80 hours on the Templars project — 50 hours using chalk and heat to remove the stains from the document and an additional 30 hours on the restoration of the frame. "I could've built the

frame, but I wanted it in the original frame," he said. "Somebody had painted it and there were globs of paint all over it. I used a citrus-based paint remover and chipped away at it, — that's what took the longest — then used specialized markers to match the original stain. It looks rough, but I wanted it in the original frame because that's what it came in."

Chris plans to tackle further document restorations for the town soon, but at the moment he is busy with photography.

Though he finds document restoration interesting, when asked if he might be looking to turn it into a side business, he simply chuckled and said, "It depends on the document. Not to say I wouldn't do it if I got something else, but for the most part it's scary as heck."

Munford

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In addition, said Munford, "I also call on travel companies that run bus trips to New England, typically seniors in the spring and fall, and inform them as to what the Bethel Area and the Western Maine Mountains have to offer. A big focus is getting the word out as to what a great place Bethel is year round and not only in the winter season. I have been working closely with many businesses in the area to create experiences that are truly unique to our area. Rather than get a bigger piece of the pie, my aim is to make the pie bigger."

Those efforts for 2012 prompted his nomination by Seabury Lyon of Maine Mineralogy Expeditions. "Troy proposed that we target bus tourism, focused on marketing our mineral sluice and guided tours to the famous Bumpus Mine," Lyon wrote in his nomination letter. "He and members of his staff visited our facilities and we built and invested in an ambitious plan to bring it all to reality in the spring of 2012. We scheduled nine bus tours that first year as an experiment to prove viability. We achieved all goals to the great satisfaction of Sunday River, the bus tour operators, MME and most importantly, hundreds of satisfied visitors. "With that success we invested in further improvements and are now scheduled to more than double the volume in 2013 and include features found locally, in-

cluding dining, shopping, the grand new Maine Mineral & Gem Museum — all tailored to meet the needs of bus tour visitors to our truly unique and beautiful region."

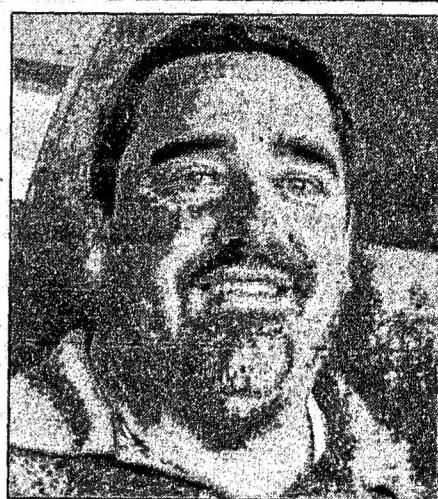
Jeff Parsons of Bethel Outdoor Adventures said that Munford "saw the value of Bethel in summer months and promoted to a wider audience, including bus and tour groups."

Sweetser said in his letter that Munford brings "well over 100 groups to Maine each year. He is the reason Sunday River's North American Wife Carrying Championship has been listed on the American Bus Association's top 100 destinations, an honor reserved for such events as the Rose Bowl and Mardi Gras."

Bullen said that Munford had increased bus business for Sunday River by 400 percent, "but he has also helped to grow awareness of the Bethel area and State of Maine as a whole."

Before working at Sunday River, Munford operated a travel agency in Sudbury, Mass. He is also a member of the Maine Motorcoach Network, where he serves on the Executive Board.

There are three other, more specific awards that will be presented at the Jan. 31 Samoset conference: marketing and promotion; leadership and growth; and innovation and creativity.



Troy Munford (Photo courtesy Sunday River Ski Resort)

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Whether ounces or gallons, Roadside Spring users swear by their water

By ALISON ALOISIO

Last Saturday morning, David Peary of South Portland held an empty bottled-water bottle under one of the Roadside Spring pipes on Route 26 in Woodstock.

He was filling up with drinking water on his way to a day of skiing at Mt. Abram.

It's something he's been doing for 20 years.

"I happened to see the spring and see people filling bottles with water," he remembers.

He stopped to get some himself and he's been doing it off and on ever since when he drives by on ski day trips.

A few minutes later John Rothwell of Woodstock stopped with four one-gallon plastic bottles that fit perfectly in a milk crate. He positioned the crate under one of the pipes and waited as the first bottle filled.

"I get four or eight gallons weekly," he said, a ritual he has kept up now for about five years. Before that, he had bought

bottled drinking water. "Then my oldest son suggested we just get it from the spring," he said. "It's really good."

Next to stop was Paul Boghossian, with two five-gallon jugs.

He's in the process of moving permanently to Bethel, and has been getting water for about five years.

He recalled that when he was driving by one night around midnight, he saw someone filling bottles at the spring.

On one of his own stops, Boghossian talked to another spring user, a man who lives in central Maine but drives all the way to Woodstock. "It's great water," said Boghossian.

Peary, Rothwell and Boghossian represent the diverse users of the spring that has been a popular roadside stop for decades. Jim Chandler, who tests the spring water regularly for the town to ensure its purity, said people's reasons for using the water range from simply liking its taste and coldness, to

having a lot of iron or other minerals in their home water supply, to living in a lakeside camp with undrinkable water.

Over the years he's encountered the full spectrum of users, including an employee of a bottled water company.

"I once was maintaining the well and was talking to one of the patrons," Chandler said. "He said he preferred the Woodstock Spring, even though he could get free water through his work. He gets 5 gallons every week."

"There is almost always someone at the spring getting water. Some with many bottles, but also many people, including truckers and construction workers, stop by each day and fill up their water bottle for the day at the spring. One person even claimed that his wife's rheumatism acted up when the spring was not in operation."

Marcel Polak of Woodstock said he has used the spring off and on for the past 30 years. His home

water is drinkable, he said, but he prefers the spring.

"There's hardly a time I go there that I don't see someone else," he said. He recalled chatting with a man from Montreal, a native Romanian, who was vacationing in the area.

"Anyone visiting — they're told about the spring," said Polak.

Because so many people use it, Polak sees the site as another place for townspeople to socialize, like the Post Office.

Another regular user is Ron Deegan of Woodstock. "I had to put in iron filters at my house because my water had a lot of iron," he said. But it's not a perfect system, so he uses the spring.

"I get 12 gallons every other week," he said.

He's been there through the past 27 years in all kinds of weather, from 90 degrees to frigid cold and snowy conditions. After a snowstorm, however, he typically waits until the town crew clears out the turnout, making the stop

a safe one.

About 15 years ago spring devotees nearly lost their resource when the state considered shutting it down and filling it in. The Maine Department of Transportation had concerns about health liabilities, because the spring is located in the MDOT right of way.

But residents and the town leaped into action, and Woodstock took over responsibility, with Chandler serving as water quality tester.

The spring property is owned by Mike and Kathy Mills Giuntas of Massachusetts, who have a summer residence in the area. The spring has been in Kathy's family since the early 1950s, when her father, Francis, bought the land and a nearby farm.

The Giuntas use the spring themselves, and have enjoyed socializing with other users. They also keep the spring area clean when they are staying here.

Mike recalls that about 20 years ago, his daughter

was doing some clean-up there when a young man came by and offered to help. "She told him, 'You know, this spring belonged to my grandfather,' and he replied, 'It belonged to my grandfather.'"

It turned out the two were cousins who had never met.

The Giuntas have made an agreement with Woodstock that the land would never be developed, Kathy said. "We're very anxious that it always be available to the public. That would have been my father's wish."

Mike said their children have pledged to preserve the spring and, he said, "I expect they will talk to our grandchildren about it, too."

Town Manager Vern Maxfield expressed his gratitude for the Giuntas' vigilance. "The Town of Woodstock, and many other people, are very appreciative of the Giuntas' efforts to keep the spring accessible to the public," he said.



BEST WATER AROUND
John Rothwell (left) of Woodstock fills gallon bottles he keeps in a milk crate; right, David Peary of South Portland fills his drinking bottle on the way to a day of skiing at Mt. Abram.
(Photos: A. Aloisio)



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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The men of the world are amazing creatures. I am always fascinated by their behavior and know-how, but sometimes they leave me in a state of awe. Just when I think I know them I discover they are not that easy to figure out.

Their knowledge of sports sometimes astounds me. I'm not without some understanding of my own, but that's in sports that I have followed pretty well over the years. I think most women are probably the same.

I have more than a basic understanding of football because I'm a big New England Patriots fan and watch all their games. I know quite a bit about basketball because I paid close attention to the Boston Celtics during the Larry Bird years and the game hasn't changed that much. I haven't paid much attention in recent years, but I find that on the occasions that my husband watches a game I can keep up quite well.

Baseball is pretty easy to understand even if one isn't a big fan. Though I don't watch a lot of games I do try to keep abreast of how the Red Sox are doing.

Men, on the other hand seem to understand the basic of most sports even if they don't follow them. That amazes me.

My husband, during a channel surfing spree landed on a soccer game, which, as far as I knew he didn't know anything about. Much to my surprise he seemed to understand everything about it.

I asked him if he had been watching soccer in secret and he said he rarely watches the game, but it isn't that hard to figure out.

My son, who I thought was only interested in NASCAR racing was expounding to a friend on what a great lacrosse game he had seen on television.

Amazing Men

I registered my surprise about his knowledge saying I didn't think he had an interest in field sports. He said he really didn't, but they're just not that hard to figure out.

The male mechanical ability is something else that always stuns me. I have about as much mechanical aptitude as a flea, so I am in awe of those who do.

Last week I ran out of oil and when it was delivered I asked the deliveryman if he could show me how to start the furnace. He was very kind and said he would take care of it for me. As I watched

him bleed the system I said that looked way too complicated for someone like me to ever do. He said I could probably do it because it wasn't all that hard to figure out.

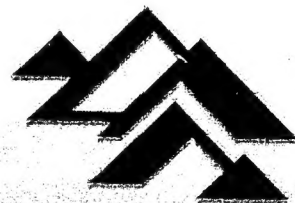
My son called me the other day asking if I could come jumpstart his truck as it wouldn't start after he came out of a store. I promptly went to his rescue, but the jumpstart did no good.

So, there he was at a busy corner store with the hood up on his truck tinkering with this and tinkering with that. Much to my amazement, every, and I mean every man that stopped at the store went to the truck to offer assistance.

I guess there is something about a vehicle in distress that draws men to it like bees to flowers. After a bunch of tinkering and a bunch of opinions the truck finally started. I told my son he was fortunate he got it going. He said that once he figured out what it wasn't the rest of it wasn't that hard to figure out.

Men are truly amazing creatures!

Ladies, if you find yourself as a damsel in distress here's my advice. Either start talking sports or put the hood up on your car and the men will come running because the way I see it, they're really not that hard to figure out after all.



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Andover

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ue to provide education for its K-5 students at the Andover Elementary School. During the first year after withdrawal Andover students could continue attending the SAD 44 schools they would have attended if Andover had not withdrawn.

Following the first year after withdrawal, SAD 44 would agree to accept as tuition students any Andover students in Grade 6 and above who wish to enroll.

Tuition would be at the state approved rate. At least some special education costs would be additional.

The tuition rate calculations exclude expenditures for special education.

The new SAU would receive the state education subsidy allocations for Andover students attending SAD 44 schools on a tuition basis, as well as for Andover students attending other schools outside SAD 44.

For special education, SAD 44 would provide services for Andover students enrolled in the district, while Andover would provide services for those not in SAD 44.

As for costs, the SAU and SAD 44 would agree that each would be responsible for all of the education costs of the Andover students apportioned to each.

Financial settlement
The plan notes that for the purpose of securing and retiring indebtedness generally, the district will remain intact. As an alternate means for retiring the debt, the plan proposes that SAD 44, exclusive of Andover, will pay any remaining debt service on outstanding bonds, notes and lease purchase agreements of SAD 44, while the SAU would pay the same for work done on AES. (SAD 44 will finish payments on a Crescent Park Elementary School addition in 2014.)

For debt incurred in the 2012-2013 school year, SAD 44 would again remain intact for purposes of retiring and securing that indebtedness. As an alternate means for retiring the indebtedness, SAD 44 would agree "to retire such debt by assessing the taxable property in the remaining towns in SAD 44 and further agrees not to assess taxable property lo-

cated in Andover for that purpose."

(The district recently approved a \$1.3 million loan for improvements to Telstar High School.)

In addition, SAD 44 would pay 10.07 percent of SAD 44's undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2013, to the SAU, "adding back all funds of any type expended or reserved for building work on Telstar High School or for any other school within SAD 44 during the 2012-2013 school year."

Other parts of the proposed agreement include:

AES and other school real estate in Andover will be conveyed to the new SAU;

The ownership of four buses will be transferred to the SAU to meet transportation needs;

On June 30 all continuing contract teachers assigned to AES full-time will become contract teachers of the new SAU;

The entire administration and governance of education for students residing in Andover will be transferred to the new SAU as of July 1, except for tuition students in SAD 44.

The withdrawal agreement will terminate June 30, 2026.

After the committee and the district negotiate and settle on a final version of the agreement, a 2/3 affirmative vote by townspeople would be required, as well as the approval of the state Commissioner of Education.

Andover Selectman Susan Merrow, a member of the Withdrawal Committee, said Tuesday she could not elaborate on the details of the proposal because of the upcoming discussions with the district. She said a draft budget for the potential SAU must be submitted with the agreement to the Department of Education when both sides settle on the agreement. Andover currently pays approximately half a million dollars annually toward the SAD 44 budget.

On Tuesday, the committee voted to prepare a letter requesting a timeline extension from the DOE, Merrow said, because a 90-day window required for completing negotiations is Jan. 21.

SAD 44 Supt. David Murphy also declined to comment on the proposal until after Monday's board discussion.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 1

At 1:03 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson issued a harassment warning to a caller on behalf of a subject in Newry.

At 7 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer and Deputies Nathan Bowie and Matt Baker responded to the Gilead Road in Gilead for a report of an intoxicated driver on Route 2. The vehicle was located and the operator summonsed for OUI/refusing to submit to arrest.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

At 10:33 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to High Street in Bethel for a harassment complaint.

At 11:10 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report of some missing prescription pills.

At 4:11 p.m. Deputy Matt Baker responded to Mechanic Street in Bethel for a report that a subject had stolen something from a business. The subject was located and returned to pay.

At 6:30 p.m. a Mayville Road, Bethel, business reported a disruptive customer. Deputy Nathan Bowie was assigned.

Thursday, Jan. 3

At 9:52 a.m. a caller in Andover reported a call from an angry subject regarding a town tax-related issue. There were no threats made.

At 2:26 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walker's Mills Road in Bethel for a report that a subject had brought marijuana to school. The subject was charged.

Saturday, Jan. 5

At 8:11 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Skiway Road in Newry for a report of a burglary. Two doors had been pried open.

At 10:42 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the Barker Mountain Road in Newry for a traffic accident with damage.

At 11:05 a.m. a report was received from the Parkway in Bethel of teenagers hanging around an area at night and possibly participating in illegal activities.

At 6:42 p.m. on Skiway Road in Newry Cpl. George Cayer arrested a subject for OUI.

At 9:12 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer and the Bethel Fire Department responded to a structure fire on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. Intoxicated subjects had intentionally set fire to a small tool shed. A male subject was charged by the State Police for burning without a permit.

At 11:39 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer assisted State Police on the Parkway in Bethel with a vehicle search. The State Police charged a Massachusetts driver with drug offenses.

Sunday, Jan. 6

At 3:49 p.m. Deputy Matt Baker responded to Grand Ave. in Newry for a two-vehicle accident.

At 7:16 p.m. Deputies Chris Davis and Nathan Bowie responded to Monk Road in Woodstock for a report of a theft.

At 9:29 p.m. Deputies Chris Davis and Nathan Bowie responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel after a caller reported he had just flipped his car end over end. He denied injury.

At 11:33 p.m. Deputy Chris Davis responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a threat complaint. The complainant was eventually given a criminal trespass warning.

Monday, Jan. 7

At 12:21 a.m. Deputy Chris Davis responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report of a truck off the road.

At 11:04 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Mill Hill Road in Bethel for a report of theft.

At 2:01 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Railroad Street in Bethel for a threat complaint.

Oxford County Jail Log:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 4, 9:10 a.m.: Angela M. Carroll, 38, of Bethel, operating without a license; by Trooper Greg Tirado in Bethel.

Jan. 7, 3:32 p.m.: Joseph W. Patenaude II, 23, of Bethel, burglary, theft; by Deputy Sullivan Rizzo in Bethel.

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1. Lone Pine Road: From Newry/Bethel town line to the gravel turnaround at end of Lone Pine Road and the beginning of Barry Lane; Provide necessary engineering, layout and construction for Full Depth Reclamation of existing pavement, compact, fine grade and pava reclaimed area with 2" lift of MDOT 19.0 mm mix, place shoulder backing material.
Approximate dimensions of Lone Pine Road: 3150' long x 18' wide.

2. Sunday River Road: From Skiway Road intersection to Monkey Brook Road intersection; Provide necessary engineering, layout and construction with 3/4" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, overlay with a 1" lift of MDOT 9.5mm mix, place shoulder backing material.
Approximate dimensions of Sunday River Road segment: 6288' long x 24' wide.

These projects shall meet the requirements of the contract, which includes portions of the most recent edition of the MAINE DOT Standard Specifications.

Bid, contract information and bid forms can be obtained from the Newry Town Office, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.
Bid Opening: Monday February 4, 2013, 4:30 pm.

The Town may accept or reject any and all bids.

Each Bidder, before submitting an offer, shall become completely familiar with the required work and shall rely on their own investigation. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to provide accurate measurements for bid purposes. The Municipal Representative will be available to have the sites proposed for paving inspected. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished, the work to be done, or for any defects in the final product that are the result of the absence of pre-inspection of the sites.

Bid Offers shall be clearly labeled "Paving Bid" and submitted to:

Town of Newry
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422 Bear River Road
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



January is National Book Month, or maybe it isn't. I haven't been able to find

any information about who started it or who sponsors National Book Month, but schools, libraries, and book sellers around the country are celebrating it. Any occasion that honors books is good, and January is a perfect time to celebrate books. As Mainers, we love our snow, but there are always moments when it is too cold or windy or snowy to be outdoors. So let's all hang up our snowshoes and skis for a few hours this month and pick a way to celebrate National Book Month: buy a new book from a local book seller, visit the library, or read to a child. Dr. Seuss said: "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

January is also National Blood Donor Month. Generally cold weather keeps people away from donating blood. This month, the American Red Cross is warming up donors by offering them a pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. The deal is called "give a pint, get a pound." If you missed donating on Jan. 8 at Sunday River, contact the Red Cross for other locations during the month. They can be contacted at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

On Dec. 31, I spent the afternoon in Shelburne, N.H., celebrating a late Christmas with a dinner and party at the home of my sister and her husband, Laurie and Bob Hickey. Other guests were Tia Panico, Heather Davis, and Greg Tsiatis of Middleburgh, N.Y.; Karen Davis, and Katie, Hannah, and Andy Matczak of Bellingham, Mass.; Rebecca Crommett of Norway; and Musa Brown and Avery Angevine of Bethel.

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The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Newry Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to Marc Cone at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I find it hard to write 2013 on everything. This is mostly because I have to keep dealing with 2012 when I am doing end-of-the-year work for the Town of Gilead.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday. He usually picks up the town mail out of the box and puts it in the office, but since Leann Caruso, Tax Collector, was doing some work in the office, he did not have to this time.

Major Stephen McLain, III from the country of Norway called his parents, Steve and Lise McLain, on Christmas day. The reception was not clear during the day hours, so he called once again at midnight and the reception was much better. He also sent an e-mail to his parents stating that he had received the three large Christmas packages. Lise McLain attended the conference meeting at Ledgerview on Wednesday regarding her father's (Gerard Dupont) progress. Also, Evan McLain of the country of Norway, who won the painting that his Uncle Joey donated to the Senior Club as a fundraiser, received his painting a few weeks ago. Evan McLain is the grandson of Steve and Lise McLain.

Mary Tyler reported that she has about 15 turkeys at her place. So far, we have

only seen one at a time at our feeder.

Gilead Historical Society

The fall newsletter went out to members just before Christmas. The 2013 dues notice that was included has resulted in several members renewing their membership. The GHS is always hoping to entice new members to join and help with the many projects on the historic buildings that are underway. When spring arrives these projects will get started again, but in the meantime, the GHS has been working on grants to help fund them. The GHS is also pleased to receive items and pictures from Gilead's past. That is what the GHS is all about - preserving Gilead's past for the future.

Town Office

Dog owners should be reminded again that they need to license their dog before the end of the month because after Jan. 31 a \$25 late fee will be applied. The Town Clerk will be at the Town Office on Tuesday evenings.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I find myself looking out the window watching snow being cleared on

the Abe Merrill Road, rather than paying attention to my task at hand, which is writing

the news for you. It's been a while since I have seen equipment go up and down that road. It sure is easier to deal with friendly and polite folks in comparison to the last time around.

Well, let me tell you, there is a very happy Grammy in the neighborhood. Ann Crockett is thrilled to have Teddy back. He, Paige and Jarrod had been away visiting Paige's folks in Prescott, Ariz.

Arlene Harrington was gone for two weeks. She and her youngest daughter, Dory, left on the 21st of December and returned on Jan. 7th from a trip to visit her granddaughter in Douglasville, Ga. They saw lots of things and had a great time.

If you are looking for something different to do, there are two events coming up. There will be a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Eddie Gammon, Sr., on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the American Legion Hall on the Gore Road. Doors open at 3 p.m., food will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 a plate, children 6 and under eat free. Donations would be appreciated. There will also be a Dollar Table and a 50/50 Raffle. The sponsors, Jeff and Alisha, say, "whether you know Ed or not, come join us." For more information you can contact them at (207) 890-6909 or (207) 875-5501.

Penny Kittredge will hold a Scentsy Open House on Saturday, the 12th and Sunday, the 13th, from noon till 5 p.m. at 985 East Bethel Road. There will be drawings, lots of Cash and Carry stock, as well as accepting orders or simply

stop by to visit and meet new neighbors.

Don't forget to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. I am always glad to hear and share your news and information.

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting Jan. 11 at Stanley Howe's home on Broad Street. Brother Stanley said he would put together a supper for 6 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Here is the new Trivia question: Whose salvaged timber was used to build the ferryman's home? Have a great week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting was cancelled

for January. The next meeting will be Feb. 7.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Faye Roberts.

On Thursday, Jan. 10 (today) at 2 p.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Arla Patch will speak about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare and Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). She has been serving on the Communications Subcommittee since last January, and will share a PowerPoint giving an historical overview of the truth about the experiences of Wabanaki people with state child welfare programs, and to promote healing and lasting change for the children taken from their families. This is open to the public, no charge, light refreshments will be served.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will hold a regular meeting at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Jan. 14.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Greenleaf.

Bethel, Woodstock and Greenwood Senior Citizens are invited to participate in exercise sessions to be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 9 at Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond. The class will be led by Nancy Willard. Stretching and balance, plus some strength exercises are included. All seniors are welcome. Bring a friend.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association will have their first meeting of 2013 after

breakfast Sunday, Jan. 13. The Ladies are planning to have a Saturday night spaghetti supper in mid February. The day before the supper, Carol and Charlie will host their annual sliding party.

The State Line Snowmobile Club met Saturday, Jan. 5. They chose March 9 for their annual ride-in/cookout at Ray and Marie's. It was noted at the meeting that there is a new New Hampshire Warden, Jeff Younglove, assigned to the area. He is checking for New Hampshire registrations at businesses near the state line. The club is looking for some volunteers to help groom with one of the club sleds. Please call Bob Pepler at 533-2061 to let him know when you will be available to help. The State Line Snowmobile Club's next meeting will be 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Upton House.

Because of a schedule conflict, the Selectmen will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16, instead of Tuesday, the 15th.

The football schedule runs about a month too long; already baseball talk is in the media, and we are in the middle of basketball season.

With all of these sports events happening, I wonder if anyone even noticed that the hockey players were on strike. I didn't.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



A new year has arrived and life goes on at a very rapid pace. Sorry I

didn't have news last week but didn't get back home until late Sunday night. I would ask people to please call me with news. If I am not home leave a message on my answering machine or e-mail me at bennettkathleen0@gmail.com. If you would like me to call you let me know and I will.

The holidays are over and I am sure everybody was very busy with school, community and personal gatherings. The fourth and fifth grade at Crescent Park school put on a great concert. Hope many of you got to hear it.

The Barton family gathered at the home of Franklin and Margaret Barton on Christmas day. This included their three sons, Jeff, Jimmy and Brett, their wives and children. Franklin and Margaret's four great grand children. There were 23 people all together. After attending the Christmas Eve service at the North Waterford Congregational Church, Jane Wardwell joined nephew Darrin Reynolds and family in Harrison for a wonderful meal and gift exchange. On Christmas Day niece Jessica Nye and family and Danjean Collins and family, and nephew Darrin and she gathered at the farm for their traditional dinner and tree. I enjoyed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with my son Douglas and family, Jen and Bella.

We had a nice party and sing along with Chris and Elton Cole, Eben Kaiflin and boys, Darrin and Cole, Kim and Pat Carson and their children, Jake, Seirra, Brooke and Colton. Must not forget the newest member of the family, Ozzie, the nine month old Golden Lab.

The next day my family all met at the home of Chris

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and Elton Cole, Maire, Eben and boys, Kayla and friend Robert, Robert's mother, Janice, Doug, Jen and Bella and Ozzie, and myself. Had a grand time eating, playing games and opening presents.

On Friday, Doug and family and myself headed for Bennington New Hampshire to celebrate with Dan, Heidi and sons Tristan and Carter. We enjoyed our visit but I was glad to get back home on Sunday Eve. Nice to sleep in your own bed!

I want to wish my friend Margaret Barton a very happy 70th birthday last Wednesday Jan. 3. We like to joke about the fact that she is exactly one month older than I am to the day! Have a very happy and safe new year.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The holidays find lots of people with connections to Andover returning to visit relatives and friends. Among them this year was AIC Carson McKay who has been assigned to Kunsan AFB in South Korea. Carson left for his new assignment on Jan. 2. A reminder that all citizen and committee generated Warrant Articles or Ordinance proposals need to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration by Jan. 15. All reports from committees and organizations must be submitted for the annual Town Report on or before Jan. 31. Any citizen may submit a photo to the Town Office to be considered for the cover of the Town Report.

The Andover Withdrawal Committee continues to work on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Library. For the latest progress on proposals from the group, go to www.andover4kids.com.

The Andover Fitness Club continues meeting Mondays, and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the Andover Elementary School gym. Programs include Zumba, kick boxing, and other cardio workouts. For those of you who find those times inconvenient, Denise Hurd is leading a Walk Away the Pounds with Leslie Sansone program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the school gym.

Avid snowmobilers could be seen all around town on our many well-groomed trails over the past weekend.

There will be a Public Potluck Supper on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the CEB. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the meal being served at 5:30. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Cold weather is tough on cars and other mechanical equipment. Many

automobile devices we depend upon to operate a car just do not work so well when you have sub-zero temperatures. Just as examples, one of our vehicles left town on the hook when the transmission stopped working. The transmission was fixed due to a factory defect recall. Another vehicle has a tie down strap holding together the tail pipe and still another doesn't always steer. Many other vehicles rest under snow in driveways and yards. When the weather warms we can have a fix-it-up day.

Last Friday, Rumford Police, Oxford County Sheriffs and State Police spent much of the evening looking for a man who became upset with his family and ran into the woods in Rumford near Hanover. After several

hours of wallowing around in the snow he must have gotten cold and he came out of the woods on his own and talked with the police.

We checked recent additions to northeasthikes.com and found that Daren Worcester along with his brother Brad had hiked from Grafton Notch to Baldpate Mountain several weeks ago. The website has many lovely photos of the snowshoe trip. The trail was quite hard to follow with snow covering many of the Appalachian Trail markers. The ice-covered summit was too slick to venture out on and they turned back. Last winter Daren climbed Mt. Washington by himself. Daren and Brad have hiked through most of New Hampshire and all of Maine to Mt. Katahdin on the Appalachian Trail.

Rumford Grange 115 met last Saturday for the January meeting. There were 10 members attending. The Grangers worked on their schedule for the year.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Town of Greenwood is running a bit short on people to serve on

its various boards. The Greenwood Planning Board has openings for two alternate members. The Board of Appeals also has openings for two alternate members. Town Manager Kim Sparks said that an alternate position on either of these boards means the person would attend meetings the same as a regular board member would. If a regular member is absent, then the alternate would vote in place of the regular member. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Sparks at

875-2426 or kimsparks@roadrunner.com

My neighbors, Butch and Esther Fuller, lost their grandson Joshua Wardwell last month, and they would like to thank everyone for their genuine and overwhelming show of support through cards, calls, visits, and many prayers. They appreciate all this support, and they have found great comfort in that. They said there is a hole in their hearts that will never mend and an ache in their souls that will never leave.

We had our first cold snap last week. That phrase is a genuine meteorological term and means a period of intensely cold and dry weather. That's what we had for a few days last week. The lowest temperature I saw was 8 below at 6 a.m., but a West Paris friend reported 16 below around the same time. The winds also chimed in, and the wind chill factor was low and nasty during those days. Thank heavens for long Johns and lots of layers. If you were out and about on those cold days, other people were indistinguishable as female or male, young or old. They were simply mobile bundles.

This is a time of year that brings most of us indoors for the long, dark evenings, and a favorite pastime of many is to read a good book. With frugality in mind, a number of folks head to one of our free public libraries to borrow some books instead of buying them. How many of us take the time to think about the fact that we can walk in to the library, get a free membership, and then check out books to read for free? Rather amazing.

While Greenwood does not have a public library, three of our neighboring towns do and allow us to become members free of charge. These are the Bethel Library, the Whitman Memorial

Library in Bryant Pond, and the Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library in West Paris. Our other neighbor, Norway, has the Norway Memorial Library, and they charge \$20 to Greenwood residents to become members. All of these libraries came to be in the late 1800s and early 1900s by virtue of people who gave money, land, and/or buildings so we could all read, entertain, and educate ourselves without cost to patrons. Quite a concept that seems to be lost on some of today's wealthiest.

Free public libraries expand our horizons and knowledge. As famous commentator Walter Cronkite said it best, "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

You can send news to me at 3taichi6@gmail.com

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Happy New Year to all! Not too impressed with the cold and minus-degree weather the past day or two, but we do live in Maine and have since most of us were born here. So do as we always do, dress in layers and be sure to cover the fingers, ears and neck.

Lots of sickness going around the past few weeks, even a few new cases of the N1H1 virus. One of our band members is down with pneumonia and the other one has a very bad cold and very hoarse.

Get well wishes to all of you who have the symptoms of these illnesses that are going around; wishing you all a quick recovery.

This is the time of year for plenty of chowders and hot stews, and I so enjoy spending my time in the kitchen baking and cooking and it's almost

time for a hot ham stew with dumplings some cold day.

The Wildwood Band will be performing in Litchfield at the Sportsman Club on Sunday, Jan. 1, from 12 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for an afternoon of dancing, and meeting 'n' greeting ole and new friends alike. A great food bar open w/ your favorite goodies. And Tom makes a mean grilled cheese sandwich 'n' the french fries are to die for. There will be several other entertainers performing throughout the afternoon as well - 50/50 drawing, raffles, door prizes.

I'm still busy crocheting and knitting items - just love making the new patterns. Dell stopped by the other day to bring me a CD that he did for Juanita. She wrote a song and he co-wrote it, a great song and love the melody that he put with it.

He tuned my guitar and played it for a while, then I picked it up and did a few songs with it, most of it came back to me, so I'll be getting it out more and playing it.

Have not seen my cardinals, titmouse or nuthatches since the storm last week, but I got more turkeys than I need - sure wish they'd find another yard to hang out in.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well, get lots of rest and drink lots of OJ.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It was warmer, sunny and calm out today, Monday.

They say we will have a January thaw. I am ready for that. Our wood supply is too. David fears we will run out; I think he is stressing over nothing. I have been close to that before and worked it out. One year I had to go looking for wood in the woods. I made it. I am

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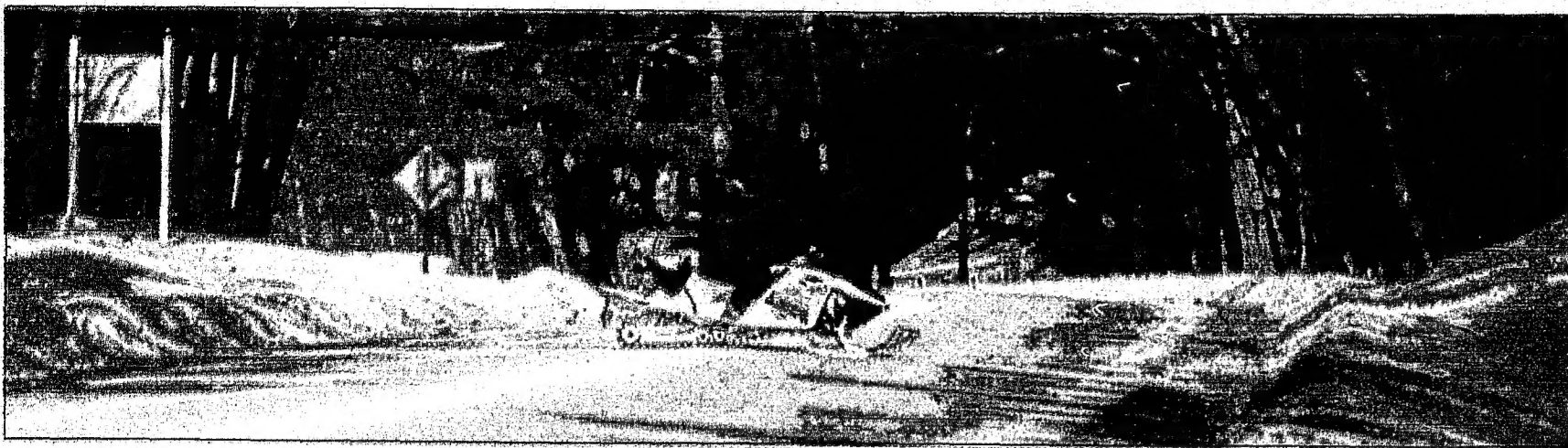
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A snowmobiler crosses Route 26 in Woodstock Saturday morning. Though weather conditions were very windy in the open, recreationists in the woods were better protected. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

enjoying the thaw and getting ready for the next cold spell.

Saw Dr. Mulcahy today. Had a good visit. He put me back on antibiotics and anti-fungal meds, but that was to be expected. He was somewhat amazed that I have stuck to my diet and not eaten any wheat, dairy, sugar, nightshades, etc. I told him it was hard during the holidays as there was so much around, but I made it through. He said I could have a cookie or piece of candy and see how I reacted. The trick is only eating one piece of candy or one cookie. Not easy for a sugar addict.

Been back to work the last two Saturdays. Hard, but felt good to be there. It wasn't the cold that got me, it was wearing so much clothing I couldn't figure out how to wear my back brace. The result is that my back and legs hurt. I will attempt to do better this week. Thanks for all the positive feedback and concern. It helps.

Thursday, Jan. 10, ACOA will meet at Waterford

Library at 10 a.m. It is a discussion group and we will be doing the 10 steps. All are welcome. FMI or if the weather is bad please call 739-9115.

January 10 at 2 p.m. Arla Patch will speak about the Maine Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond.

Sunday, Jan. 13 (1-13-13) at 2 p.m. the Waterford Fair Committee will meet at the Waterford Town Hall. All are welcome. Their next supper will be served on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the North Waterford Church across from Melby's. The fee is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Food is served between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13, the Mountain Poets will meet at Fare Share Commons. All poets and poetry lovers are invited to come and enjoy a night of poetry. FMI please call 743-0583.

Monday, Jan. 14, the Knit and Chat Group will meet at the Waterford Library

from 2-4 p.m. All levels of knitters are welcome. FMI call 583-2050.

Thursday, Jan. 17, a Community Supper will be served at the Wilkins House on Plummer Hill. Bring a dish with food to share. FMI call 583-6377.

Art show opening at Gould

Gould Academy will host a reception to celebrate the opening of a show by artist Jamie Powell from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11 in the Owen Art Gallery. The show will feature combines acts of painting on and cutting into canvas; simultaneously creating an absence and presence of image. Jamie received her MFA from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2006 and teaches at both the Pratt Art Institute and the Studio in a School Foundation of New York.

Jamie Powell was born and raised in West Virginia, thirty miles south of the Mason Dixon Line. She received the Paul Robeson Emerging Art-

ist Award from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2006. She has received grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and the Vermont Studio Center. Recent exhibits include FLUXspace in Philadelphia, the 92nd St Y in New York, Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Seton Hall Law School in Newark and Small Black Door in Queens. She lives and works in New York City.

Mahoosuc Arts Council film

The lives and times of Maine's hardy lumbermen and river drivers will be detailed in a multimedia presentation of film, photos and original music by Summer McKane on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. The original film and score "In the Blood" will be presented in a public performance at the Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street. Tickets are \$5 for seniors 65+ and children under 12; adults are \$7.

Lumbermen began liv-

ing in logging camps in the Maine woods in the early 1800s. They were the pioneers who created a successful self-contained working community in the woods, and on whose backs the state's economy and history were largely established. They were the innovators who established the method to cut and deliver hundreds of millions of board feet of lumber through thick forests and down crooked waterways, to the mills using only horses, oxen and manpower.

They were unique in their character, ethics, morals, strength, and skills, and they symbolize Maine's gritty and resilient reputation. These are some of the most notable figures in Maine's history; yet their stories, personalities and significance are largely overlooked by educators and historians. The illustration that "In the Blood" provides, sheds a new light on the character, history, and importance of these legendary Maine men. The performance incorporates film, live, original music and projections of still images.

As a child, McKane was fascinated by stories he heard in school about the rough and dangerous lives of Maine lumberjacks. For "In the Blood," he compiled archival film and still photographs of the logging industry from the turn of the 20th century into a documentary both entertaining and ed-

ucational.

The film illustrates and investigates these individuals, their character and history, and takes viewers into their rugged world - the camps, the haul roads, landings and yards, rivers and lakes. The experience is a striking virtual journey into the 19th-century Maine woods.

A singer-songwriter of folk-rock and Americana music, McKane also created the score for the film, which he'll perform with his band mate Joshua Robins.

For more information contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council through the website: www.mahoosucarts.org, e-mail: info@mahoosucarts.org or by calling Director Aranka Matolcsy at (207) 890-6386.

Prime Time Ski Club News

The Prime Time Ski Club is very excited that so many Club members arrived for the season to ski on the sometimes cold and windy slopes of Sunday River last week. Those who were at the mountain were rewarded with wonderfully groomed corduroy, short lift lines and open slopes with few skiers. It was a wonderful week for polishing one's skiing skills. It looks like this week will require less hardness of spirit as the weather is reportedly too warm.

The ten o'clock meetings at the North Peak Lodge last week were attended by most of the Prime Timers that were at the mountain. There were warm hugs and "Happy New Years" all around as members greeted each other in welcome to the 2013 ski season.

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Woodstock Historical Society

The Woodstock Historical Society will hold its regular meeting Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Complex. The video "Bryant Pond, The Last Ringdown" will be shown. The program on the Last Hand Crank Phone will follow with special guests Susan Glines and Linda Stowell, daughters of Barbara and Eldon Hathaway, owners of the phone company. These ladies will share their stories of working as operators and living with this company in their home.

The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Bethel Historical Society

The Bethel Historical Society would like to thank "Bethel Citizen" Editor Alison Aloisio for her excellent article, regarding Stan Howe's many important contributions to the Bethel Historical Society during his 38-year career. Fortunately for the current staff, as well as the community in general, Howe's recent retirement doesn't mean he's leaving the Historical Society. On the contrary, he plans to volunteer on a regular basis, and thanks to the receipt by BHS of grants from The Betterment Fund, The Bingham Foundation and The Bingham Trust, he'll continue to work on a biography of William Bingham 2nd as a society-sponsored project.

Contributions to the society's Annual Fund continue to arrive on a daily basis, for which the organization is deeply grateful. Such gifts make up over one-third of the Historical Society's operating income, allowing the small staff and many dedicated volunteers to maintain daily operations and to offer programs and exhibits that make this region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for thousands of adults and school-age children. Any new and increased donations (dated 2012) will be matched by the organization's Board of Trustees up to a total of \$5,000. For those who would still like to contribute to the Fund, checks may be mailed to the Bethel Historical Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This year marks the bicentenary of the society's Mason House, which was begun in 1813 and renovated and restored by the William Bingham II Trust for Charity in 1972-73. On July 2, we'll celebrate this milestone with a program entitled "200 Years a Landmark!" A highlight of this event will be the unveiling of a professionally designed scale model of the Dr. Moses Mason House - the oldest structure at Bethel Hill village - created by BHS member James Auman of Warren, N.J., and Norway, Maine. Regarding the construction of the Mason House in 1813, Dr. William B. Lapham states in his "History of Bethel" (1891): "It is said that when Doctor Mason built his house, great commotion was caused in the neighborhood, because he placed it so high above the ground (on granite foundation stones), and a committee was raised to wait on the Doctor and remonstrate with him. They did not think it would stand. Just before the first broad-side was raised, according to the custom of those days, Parson [Daniel] Gould invoked the Divine blessing, and then the flowing bowl was passed, of which minister and all freely partook."

The next issue of "The Courier," the society's history journal, will be printed and mailed out soon. The feature article has been written by Dr. William B. Krohn, retired wildlife scientist and Professor Emeritus at the University of Maine in Orono. Entitled "Capt. Charles A. J. Farrar - Wilderness Writer and Adventure Provider," the piece is based on a talk given at the society by the author on Oct. 13, 2012. Near the end of the article, Dr. Krohn summarizes Farrar's life as follows: "Capt. Charles A. J. Farrar was an actor, author, editor, printer, and publisher. He was also a steamboat owner and operator - an entrepreneur, owner, and manager of a complex, integrated transportation business. As a person, Farrar was an attention getter, out-going, ambitious and hard-working, meticulous, and always the optimistic romantic. He was at times unrealistic, a risk taker who both succeeded and failed. Despite a relatively short life, Farrar was a prolific writer producing a wide variety of printed works. Always the promoter, his fictional and semi-fictional books should be viewed skeptically by the historical reader, but with careful scrutiny Farrar's works provide many insights into nineteenth century life in western Maine. His guidebooks, periodicals, maps, and photographs - in contrast - provide a wealth of primary

facts deserving serious study. But whether fact or fiction, the underlying theme in all of Farrar's works was simple: 'Come to western Maine and experience the adventure of a lifetime.' Not bluntly stated, but still present was his secondary message: 'And I have the physical means to get you into the wilds of Maine and back out.'"

SeniorsPlus in Greenwood

SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be at the Greenwood Town Office, Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Norway Town Hall, Jan. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m., and the Rumford Town Office, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

All events are FREE and open to the public. For further information and to make an appointment call SeniorsPlus at (800) 427-1241.

SeniorsPlus is a private nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to enrich the lives of seniors and adults with disabilities. SeniorsPlus believes in supporting the independence, dignity and quality of life of those we serve. It serves as the local Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties, and provides a network of support, information, services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For more information, visit www.seniorsplus.org or call (207) 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241.

Bookchats at library

Beginning in January Norway Memorial Library will be hosting Book Chats, informal book discussions, on Thursday mornings at 10:30 on Jan. 17, March 21, and May 16.

These Book Chats are a time to meet with fellow readers, share the books you are currently reading, get suggestions from the group, and ask book related questions!

Previous topics of conversation during library Book Chats have included a discussion on the order in which to read mystery series, where people find the books they read, familiar locations in books, and how distracting it is when authors get them wrong!

Book Chats are free and open to the public; however participants are encouraged to sign up ahead of time. For more information contact the reference desk at 743-5309, or

e-mail at norlib@norway.lib.me.us.

Master Gardener course

Registrations Being Accepted for Master Gardener Course

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is once again offering the very popular Master Gardener Volunteer training in 2013. For the first time the course is being offered in two locations - Thursday evenings at the South Paris Extension office and Wednesday afternoons at Region 9 Technical School in Mexico. "The Master Gardener course is a fun way for gardeners to learn the science of gardening and then use that knowledge to grow and donate food to the community." "In 2011, over 17,900 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables were grown and donated from Oxford County" says Barbara Murphy, Extension Educator and coordinator of the training. The training will focus on fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension as well as botany, soil science and pest management. Class size is limited. For an application, or for more information please call the Extension office at (800) 287-1482 or 743-6329 or visit the Oxford County Master Gardener web page at <http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/oxford-county-master-gardener-volunteers>.

SWOAM topic: water quality standards

Keith Kanoti, water quality specialist for the Maine Forest Service, will explain the change-over to the new statewide standards for water quality regulations for timber harvesting at a meeting of the western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in Room 118 at Oxford Hills High School.

For the last several years, towns have been voting on whether to accept statewide standards or stay with their own water quality ordinances. If they accept, enforcement of water quality regulations for timber harvesting will move from town code enforcement officers to the Maine Forest Service as of Jan. 1, 2013.

If towns have voted to keep their own ordinances, they will continue to enforce those ordinances after Jan. 1. Enforcement of water quality reg-

ulations in unorganized towns has already moved over from LURC to the Maine Forest Service on Nov. 1, 2012.

The meeting is free and open to anyone. For further information, call Merle Ring at 743-5976 evenings.

From RVHCC:

Lead is a poison

Dust from lead paint is the most common source of lead poisoning. Lead-based paint wasn't banned until 1978. As leaded paint gets old and breaks down, lead dust can build up on window sills, door frames and floors. Children often play on the floor and have a tendency to put toys and hands in their mouth. This makes it easy for lead dust to get into and damage their growing bodies. The effects of lead poisoning can be severe. Lead can cause learning disabilities, behavior problems, hyper-activity, decreased growth, hearing damage, language or speech delays and lower intelligence. A simple blood lead test is the only way to tell if a child has been lead poisoned. All 1 and 2 year olds should have a blood lead test during their annual physical. MaineCare insurance requires it. Speak to your child's physician to perform the test. If caught early, these effects can be limited by reducing exposure to lead or by receiving medical treatment.

To keep your child safe from lead at home, check painted windows, doors and floors for peeling or chipping paint. Clean floors, windowsills and tabletops with wet mops or rags once a week. Always wash your child's hands after play, before meals and before naps and bedtime. Frequently wipe down toys - and clean stuffed animals. Don't let children eat food or use pacifiers that have fallen on the floor. Feed children at a clean table or in a high chair.

Follow these steps to give your home a deep cleaning to remove lead dust. Step 1: Put on gloves and pick up any paint chips.

A damp rag will help you to pick up these pieces. Throw away the rag and chips in a plastic trash bag. Vacuum the floor. A HEPA vacuum works best. DO NOT USE A BROOM as it will spread lead dust around. Step 2: Fill a wash bucket half full with warm water. Mix in a household detergent, according to the directions on the bottle. Step 3: Wash woodwork around windows, doors and baseboards with a rag wet with the wash water. Work from the top of the room to the bottom. Once a rag is dirty, throw it out. Change the water when it becomes dirty. Dump dirty water down the toilet. Step 4: Use a new mixture of wash water and wash the floors next. Dispose of dirty wash water down the toilet and any rags in a trash bag. Step 5: Fill a clean bucket with water. Dip clean rags into the water and wipe all the woodwork that you washed. Using new rinse water, mop or wipe the floors. When you are finished, dump the rinse water down the toilet and then clean the mop and bucket. Place your used rags and gloves in a plastic bag. Throw the sealed bag into the trash.

If you are fixing up your home, learn how to control and contain lead dust before you begin. Keep children, pregnant women and pets away from work area. Take a shower and change your work clothes before playing with, or handling, your child. Wash work clothes separately from family laundry.

River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition is offering free lead paint test kits to those who live in a house built before 1978 and have children under the age of six residing in the home. Cleaning supplies are also available to help maintain a lead-free home. Come into the RVHCC office on 94 River Street in Rumford, for pick-up. If you are a landlord in Rumford, and have children under the age of six living in your building, please call RVHCC at 364-7408 to schedule for a Certified Lead Dust Wipe Test.

More information can be obtained from www.maine.gov/healthyhomes.

School Lunch

Week of Jan. 14

SAD 44 Elementary Schools

Monday: Crunchy chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, seasoned peas, salsa, fresh fruit choice/mixed, or sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Tuesday: School-made stuffed shells, tossed salad, 4-bean salad, banana/fruit choice, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Wednesday: Pizza with WB crust, Caesar salad, orange wedges, raisins, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Thursday: Hamburger/WG roll, green beans, crunchy cabbage and carrot wall, apple, chilled peaches, or Sunbutter and jelly on WG bread.

Friday: Breakfast sandwich, hash brown oval/carrot sticks, applesauce, orange juice, or Sunbutter and fluff on whole wheat bread.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church

- Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning

Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-

2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School.

FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882. **Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor** Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-8577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wal-

lace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 75, Telstar 43; Jan. 5 – Telstar stats: Nick Mills 15 points, Mike DelDuca 15. Maverik Griffin 6 rebounds, Mike Dougherty 6.
Oak Hill 51, Telstar 48; Jan. 3 – Telstar stats: Cameron Pike 15 points, Mike DelDuca 15. Nick Mills 10 rebounds.

High School Cross-country Skiing

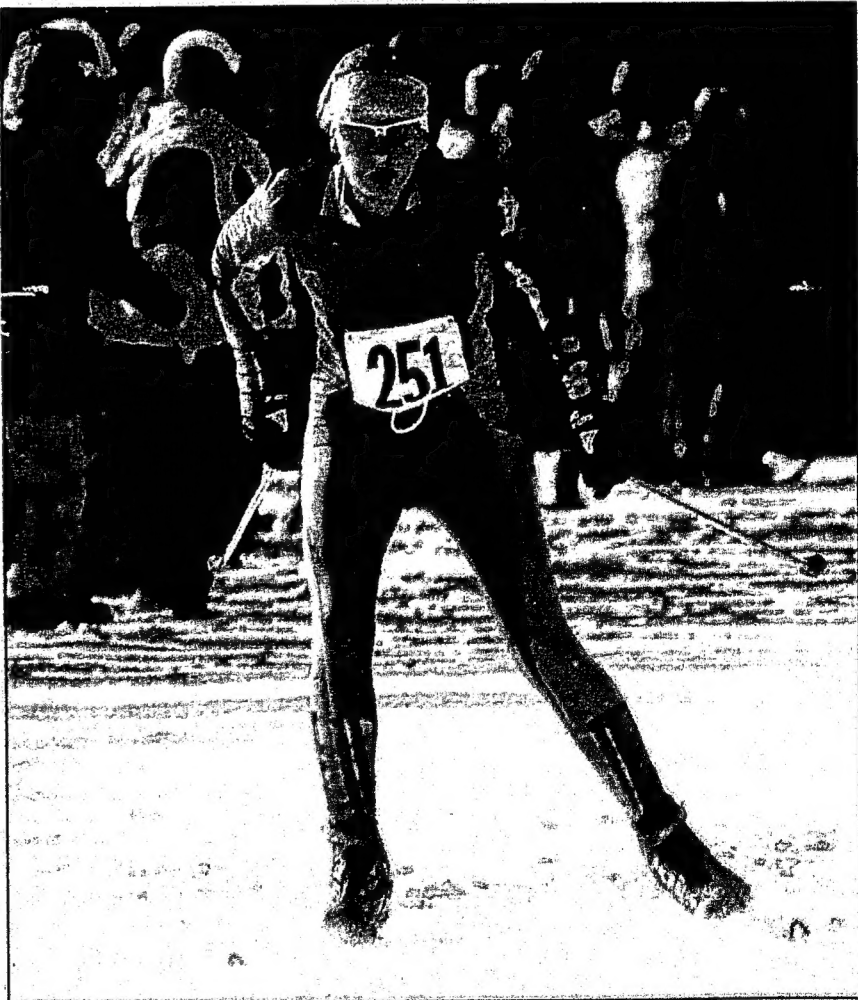
Telstar Relays, Jan. 5 – “A” Race (48 teams): Winning time: 37:50. 2. Gould Academy (Marcello Deluca, Sadie James, Ashton Cushman, Leela Hornbach 38:10. 17. Gould (Caleb Clarke, Rachel Goldberg, Trent Rosenberg, Rose Goldberg) 44:01. “B” Race: Winning time 41:15. 8. Telstar (Nick Johnson, Carla Boyle-Wight, Liam Gallagher, Gabrielle Stone (50:09); 23. Telstar (Greg Wheeler, Rachael Wheeler, Aaron Speakman, Pin Jintasatporn (56:12). 24. Telstar/Gould/Fryeburg Academy (Andrew Siegel/Gould, Kaitlyn Brown/Telstar, Aiden Clarke/Gould) 56:21.

Mt. Valley Rec League Basketball

The Bethel Bobcats, Laid Back Installers and Hotel Rumford all retained their top three positions atop the league and a 5-1 record. All teams registered blow-out wins of 30 points or more. Black Bear Industries is now 2-4, Archies 1-5 and The Thundercats

are 0-6.
Game one saw a scoring outburst, as Hotel Rumford's Aaron St. Pierre, with 35 first-half points and a game high 47, including 8 behind the arc, led his team to a 115-81 scorching of Black Bear Industries. Kevin Gallant (6 threes) and Chris Willer (5 threes) also had hot shooting hands with 22 points each, followed by Andy Shorey, Jr., with 18 points (3 threes). BBI's Josh Albee tried to keep up the scoring pace with 33 points (9 threes) and Myles Whilock had 21 points (6 threes). Dave Hodgkins chipped in 10 more.
In game two of the day, Bethel coasted to an easy 87-46 lopsided victory of The Thundercats. Bethel was led by TJ Savage with 23 points, Matt Zetts with 20 points and 3 threes and 11 each from Ryan Savage and Matt Newell. The Thundercats' Mike Leclerc had 17 points (3 threes) and Tyson Hanson helped with 10 more.
Finally LBI used a run and gun style to wipe out a shorthanded Archies, 125-58. Eric Canwell had a game high 33 points with a variety of dunks and running, dippy-do shots. Jon Benjamin also had a 31-point outburst followed by Owen Jones with 24 points (6 threes), Joe Goudreau 17 points (5 threes) and Brian Canwell with 15 points. Archies' Brett Archibault did a fine job in a futile cause, with 32 points and Justin Archibault managed 11 more.
On Sunday, Jan. 13, LBI hosts Black Bear Industries at 10 a.m. Archies entertains The Bethel Bobcats next at 11:30. The 1 p.m. finale has Hotel Rumford taking on The Thundercats.

Telstar Cross-Country Ski Relays 2013



The Telstar Relays cross-country race took place Saturday for the first time in three years. The past two years lack of snow cancelled the usually annual event. Almost 400 skiers from more than two dozen schools took part, including teams from Telstar and Gould Academy. Gould finished second in the 4x3 kilometer mixed boys/girls “A” race, while Telstar skiers competed in the “B” race. Clockwise, from top: the start of the “B” race; Telstar's Nick Johnson; Gould's Sadie James; Telstar's Greg Wheeler (center); Telstar's Anneliese Smith; Gould's Andrew Siegel tags Telstar's Kaitlyn Brown; Gould's Trent Rosenberg.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 10

2 p.m. - **Arla Patch** will speak about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).
5:30 p.m. - **Primetime Ski Club's Welcome Back Potluck Dinner**, Betsy Killkenny's Powder Ridge Home. Bring a dish for 4-6. BYOB. FMI: Betsy (killkenny12@verizon.net).

Friday, Jan. 11

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Reception to Celebrate Jamie Powell's Art Show Opening**, Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy. The show will feature combined acts of painting on and cutting into canvas; simultaneously creating an absence and presence of image.
7:30 p.m. - **Electric Rock, Jazz, and Pop Band, NRBQ**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$22.50/adults, \$20/seniors (65+), \$10/students. FMI/ticket purchases: 935-9232.

Jan. 12-13

12 to 5 p.m. - **Scentsy Open House by Penny Kittredge**, 985 East Bethel Road. There will be drawings, lots of Cash and Carry stock, as well as orders being accepted.

Saturday, Jan. 12

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Commercial bee keeper, Tony Bachelder. Public welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.net).
6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society regular meeting at Town Complex**. Video "Bryant Pond, the Last Ringdown" will be shown. The program on the last hand crank phone will follow with special guests, Susan Glines and Linda Stowell, daughters of the owners of the phone company. Open to the public.
7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Dance Club's Happy New Year Dance**, Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Refreshments, door prizes, and a Pot o' Gold drawing. Admission: \$6. Non-dancers are welcome at no charge. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050).

Sunday, Jan. 13

11 a.m. - **Upton Ladies Aid Association Meeting** following public Ladies Aid breakfast.

Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 5

10 a.m. - **Senior Citizens' Exercise Classes**, led by Nancy Willard, Whitman Library, Bryant Pond. Stretching and balance, plus some strength exercises are included. All seniors welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Oxford Casino Veteran's Job Fair**, Maine Career Center, Lewiston. FMI: Jerry DeWitt, LSW (783-4663 Ext. 228) or jdewitt@tcms.org.
11:30 a.m. - **Sustainability Task Force Meeting**, Bethel Chamber of Commerce Office. Open to all members of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. FMI: Shelley Bowen (shelley@maineenergysystems.com).
7 p.m. - **Magic of the Steelgraves**, presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, Grand Summit Hotel, Grand Ballroom. One of New England's finest magical duos performs grand illusions, juggling, clean comedy, and magic with live animals. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over: \$6/advance, \$8/door.
7:45 and 8:15 p.m. - **Soviet Bloc Party**, presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, South Ridge Lodge, slope-side. Two free fire show performances followed by

Grand Fireworks Display.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

1 to 4 p.m. - **Seniors Plus Area Agency on Aging** will be at Norway Town Hall to answer any questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments call 1-800-427-1241.

2 p.m. - **Facebook for Business Marketing "Hands-on" Training**, a hands-on computer course teaching you how to set up and manage a Facebook page for your business. White Mountains Community College Littleton Academic Center. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or jpresby@ccsnh.edu).

5 to 7 p.m. - **Markus and Angelique Steelgrave** to entertain during Sunday River's Children's Week Family Festival Night. Kid-friendly carnival games, children's activities, bounce house, craft zone, and more. Grand Summit Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

6 p.m. - **Mollyocket Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting**, featuring a discussion on Maine TU Trout Camp and fly-tying demonstration by Greg Ponte, Haskell House, 17 East Main St., South Paris.

Thursday, Jan. 17

7 p.m. - **Rainforest Reptile Show**, presented by Black Diamond Entertainment, Grand Summit Hotel, North & South Ballroom. Learn about the largest lizards in the world along with everything else in between. A hands-on learning experience that allows for direct contact with live animals. Ages 5 and under: Free. Children 6 to 12: \$4/advance, \$6/door. Ages 13 and over: \$6/advance, \$8/door.

7 p.m. - **Western Maine Chapter SWOAM Meeting** to discuss new timber harvesting standards, Room 118, Oxford Hills High School. Free, open to everyone. FMI: Merle Ring (743-5976).

Friday, Jan. 18

11:45 a.m. - **Hope Association Winter Fashion Show and Glee Club Performance**, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. FMI: 364-4561.

6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School Activity Night**, Telstar cafeteria, auditorium, and gym.

7:30 p.m. - **Sunrise with Accompaniment by Cellist, Brent Arnold**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students and seniors (65+). FMI: www.brentarnoldmusic.com.

Saturday, Jan. 19

3 p.m. - **Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Eddie Gammon Sr.**, American Legion Hall, Gore Road. \$8/plate, children 6 and under eat free. Donations appreciated. There will be a Dollar Table and 50/50 Raffle. FMI: Jeff and Alisha (890-6909 or 875-5501).

Monday, Jan. 21

6 p.m. - **Class of '73 2013 Reunion Meeting**, Market Square Restaurant, South Paris. FMI: Deven (527-2375).

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Oxford County Commissioners Meeting Rescheduled, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Seniors Plus Area Agency on Aging** will be at the Rumford Town office to answer any questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments call 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. - **Disability Rights and Autism Forum** Presented by Katrina Ringrose, 85 Lincoln Avenue,

Rumford. Gather at Hope Association to discuss service options, issues, barriers and milestones reached by those with intellectual disabilities. FMI call 364-4561 or visit Dreme.org.

Jan. 25, 26, 27

12th **New Hampshire Sanctioned & Jackson Invitational Snow Sculpting Competition**, Jackson, N.H. Sculpting begins Friday, Jan. 25 with many other events throughout the weekend including a bonfire, scavenger hunt, and more. Interested sculptors or those wishing further details can call (603) 383-9356 or visit www.JacksonNH.com.

Saturday, Jan. 26

5 p.m. - **Public Potluck Supper** at the CEB in Andover. Tickets: \$7/adults, \$3/children.

9 p.m. - **Fire & Ice Fashion Show**, Foggy Goggle, Sunday River. New England's top male and female models rock the latest ski, board, and swimwear. Attire complements of stylist Kathy Benharris. No cover charge. Donations to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund (SRRCF) highly encouraged.

Sunday, Jan. 27

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Nansen Ski Club 2-14 km Nordic Ski Races**, Milan Hill State Park. Dog sledding tours and sledding also available. Parking: Milan Village School. Free shuttle from the school to the state park every 20 minutes. Other activities available in downtown Milan. FMI: www.skiansen.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

7 p.m. - **In the Blood**, Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Bethel. The lives and times of Maine's hardy lumbermen and river drivers will be detailed in a multi-media presentation of film, photos, and music by Sumner McKane. Tickets: \$7/adults and children 13+, \$5/seniors (65+) and children 12 and under.

Saturday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. - **New England Telemark Festival**, Mt. Abram. Clinics, rentals, lessons, demos, and a Telemark only Giant Slalom race event. Giveaways and live music all day.

5 p.m. - **Full Moon Hike**, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Saturday, Feb. 9

All Day - **Sledding on Snowcano Hill**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bring your own sleds and sled at your own risk. Open to the public.

Thursday, Feb. 14

7 p.m. - **One Billion Rising - Moving Our World - Rise Up and Dance to End Violence**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

Saturday, Feb. 16

6:30 p.m. - **Snowcano Eruption**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. The Snowcano is a bonfire built inside a huge snow pile - when lit, the flames and sparks create a volcano-effect. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 23

6 p.m. - **Bethel Winterfest RAILWARS Snowano Rail Jam**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. See some of the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders show off their best moves under the lights.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other

schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. **Andover School Withdrawal Committee** meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. **Andover Fitness Club**, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m. - **Community Supper** at Bethel Alliance Church. There is no charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; **Bethel Dog Park Committee** meets at Mahosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine** meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. **Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts** at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. **West Paris Baptist Church** group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, **Women's Imaging Center**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the **Harper Conference Center**, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge**, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Seasonal Public Skating**, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "OP" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

4 Letters

FLOP
HOPE
OPAL

5 Letters

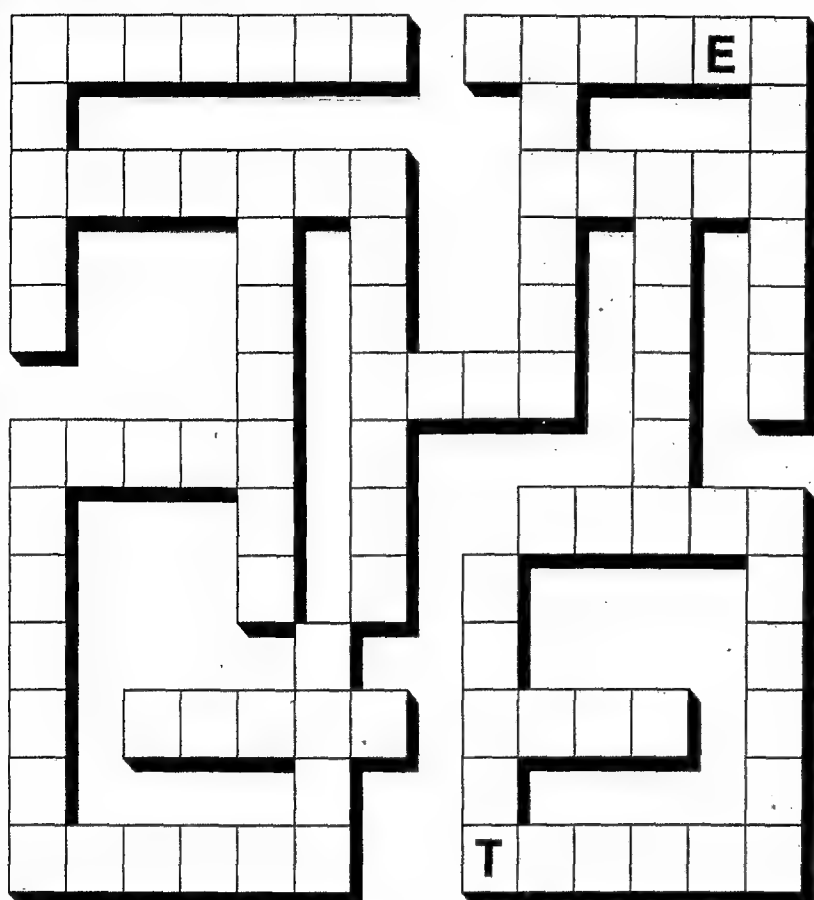
ADOPT
OPENS
OPERA
POP-UP
SNOOP
TOPAZ

6 Letters

EUROPE
LAPTOP
PEOPLE
SLOPES
SLOPPY
SOPHIE
TROPHY

7 Letters

LEOPARD
OPERATE
POPULAR
ROOFTOP
TROPICS



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Arm is missing. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Picture is different. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Mailbox is missing. 6. Outlet is missing.

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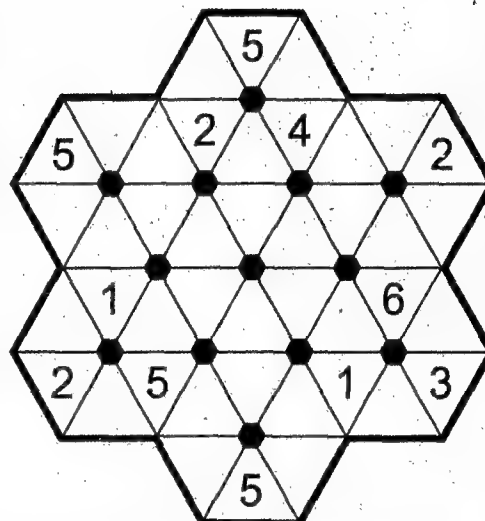
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be

repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"Four bills and two

How come

you get twice as much as I do?"

SKILL

LATENT

Control

WORPE

Flaunt

BOATS

Gawk

TEARS

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

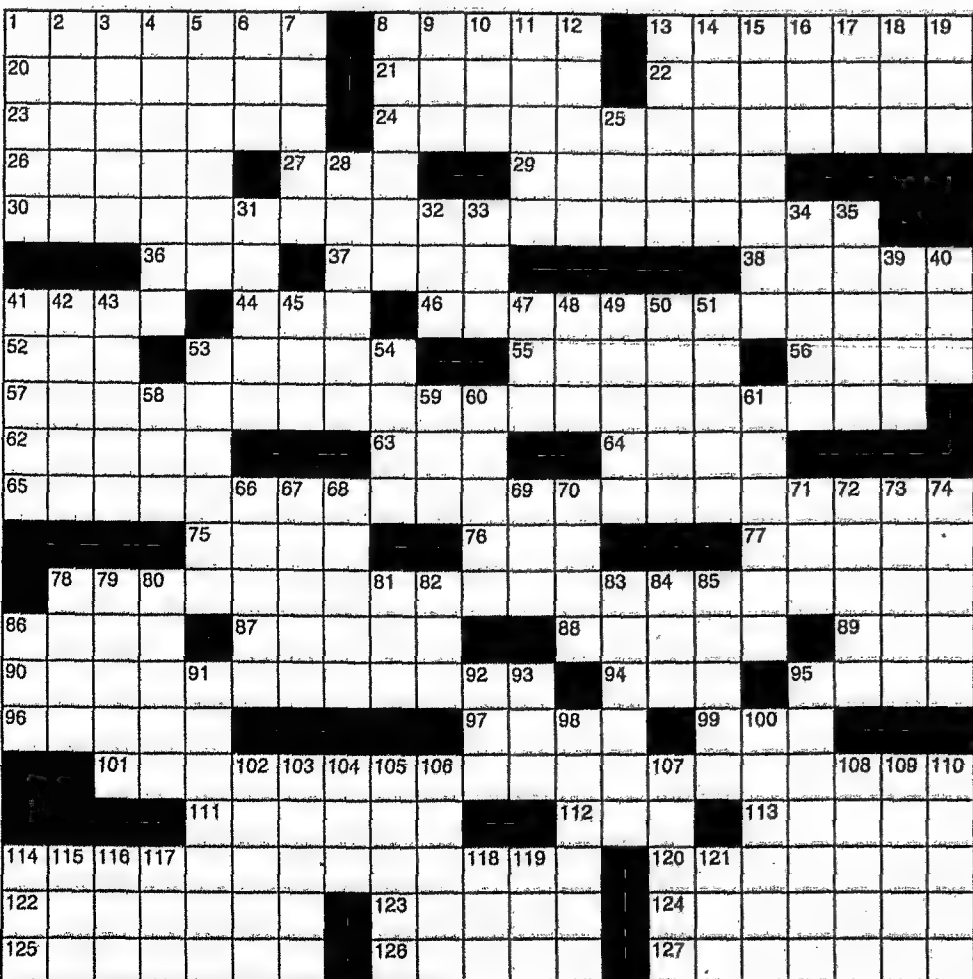
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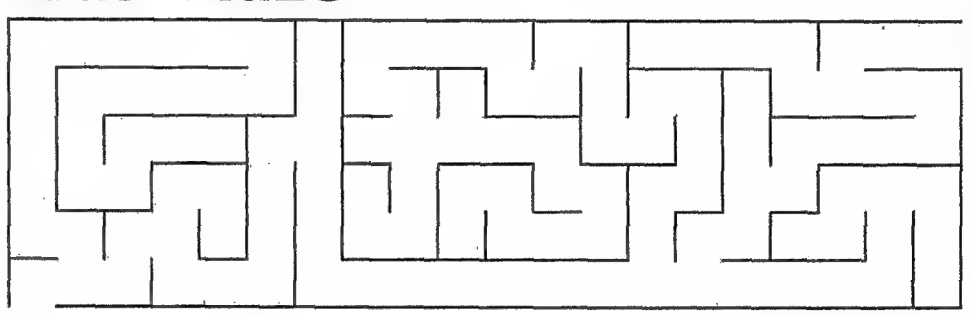
- 1 Northern Italian city
- 8 Dip for tortilla chips
- 13 Walling spirit of folklore
- 20 Tag again
- 21 Join forces
- 22 Order followers
- 23 Impulse
- 24 Buy sipping aids on the cheap?
- 26 Pulsations
- 27 Sick-dog link
- 29 Ways of reasoning
- 30 Choice of any non-solid pool ball you'd like?
- 36 Drift (off)
- 37 — disease (tick-borne ailment)
- 38 Steve of country rock
- 41 Zeus' mother
- 44 Anguish
- 46 Very weird Moranis, compared to slightly odd Springfield?
- 52 Berlin "a"
- 53 On terra —
- 55 Glossiness
- 56 Yield
- 57 House pets exerting great effort?
- 62 In a crowd of
- 63 "shocked!"
- 64 The Brady boys or girls
- 65 Participated in a race walk?
- 75 T. — Price
- 76 Tic — (mint brand)
- 77 Ancient Asia Minor region
- 78 Throw hooks and jabs while ambulating?
- 88 "Encore!"
- 87 One-eyed female on "Puturama"
- 88 Availing oneself of
- 89 Ending for Tokyo
- 90 Flashing lights for a singing group?
- 94 Pro — (acting)
- 95 Gorbachev's fed.
- 96 "Irma la —"
- 97 Fall to win
- 99 Long stretch of history
- 101 Best violin player ever?

DOWN

- 1 Seafood crustaceans
- 2 Adjust, as a clock
- 3 Actor Dana
- 4 Navratilova of tennis
- 5 San Luis —
- 6 Cornhusker State: Abbr.
- 7 Shaking like
- 8 Sweet
- 9 Hex- ending
- 10 Plastered of history
- 11 Unfresh
- 12 Famed table writer
- 13 Containing element #5
- 14 Taken — (caught unawares)
- 15 More informative
- 16 Guitarist Barrett
- 17 Te — (titter)
- 18 Wisk rival
- 19 Immigrants' class: Abbr.
- 25 — Friday's (eatery)
- 28 Very serious
- 31 Track great
- 32 Registered names: Abbr.
- 33 Riled (up)
- 34 Prefix with -lepsy
- 35 "Peer Gyn" composer
- 39 Some PC screens
- 40 Barely squeeze (by)
- 41 Cut again, as a board
- 42 Blackjack call
- 43 Scandalous company of 2002
- 45 "—, — quit!" (threat)
- 47 Run after Q
- 48 Exam room sounds
- 49 Under, to poets
- 50 Artistic style
- 51 "The — near!"
- 53 The barber of Seville's name
- 54 Play — (perform out with the band)
- 58 Tiny colony crawler
- 59 Half- — (java order)
- 60 Like — to the flame
- 61 Pouring on the love
- 66 Lazies about
- 67 Baby hooter
- 68 Not as old
- 70 "Ac-cent- — -ate the Positive"
- 71 Giant bird of lore
- 72 "He's Got the Whole World — Hands"
- 73 Slims down
- 74 Alleviator
- 78 Arty area in NYC
- 79 Brook catch
- 80 Old German state
- 81 Nobel-winning U.N. workers' gp.
- 82 Café check
- 83 Value highly
- 84 Quiche, e.g.
- 85 Not reached, as a goal
- 86 Ovid's
- 91 More thin
- 92 Polar pixie
- 93 Pub crawler
- 95 Unvarying
- 98 Magical illness curer
- 100 Rally rouser
- 102 Like tied shoes
- 103 Actors Epps and Sharif
- 104 — Tin Tin
- 105 Dorm room fixtures
- 106 From the keg
- 107 Edna Ferber novel
- 108 Motorola alternative
- 109 Envy's color
- 110 Feel
- 114 — Tolkien
- 115 Positive vote
- 116 Kitty's cry
- 117 Atty.'s gp.
- 118 Cellular stuff
- 119 "lckl"
- 121 Adam's mate



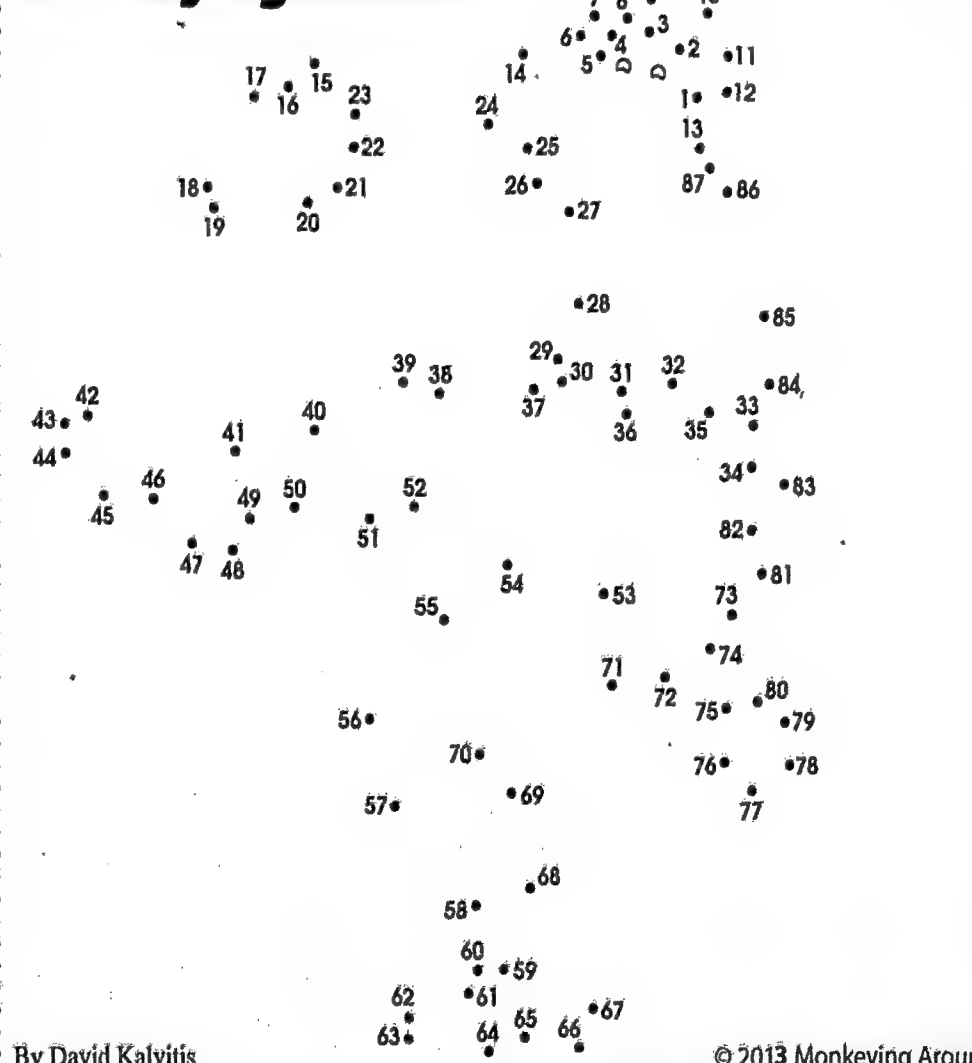
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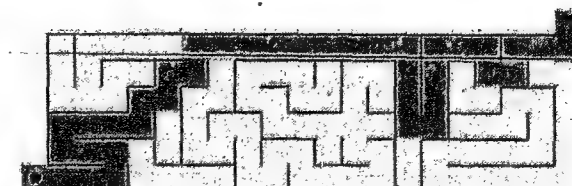
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Connect Dots: 1-87

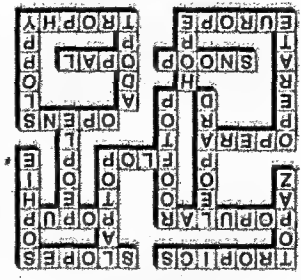


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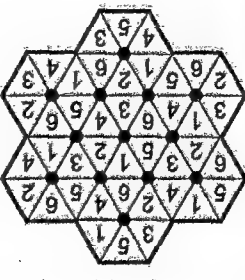
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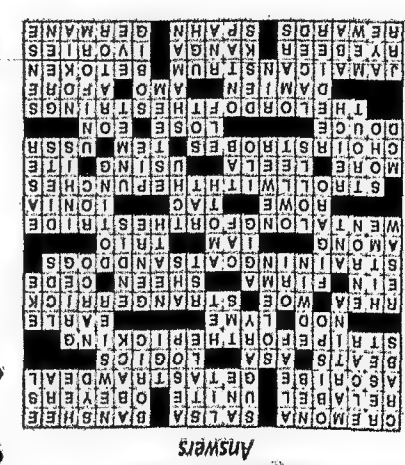
Kids' Maze Solution



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Answers:
1. Talent 2. Power 3. Boast 4. Stars
Today's Word: Letters

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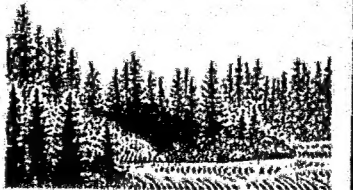
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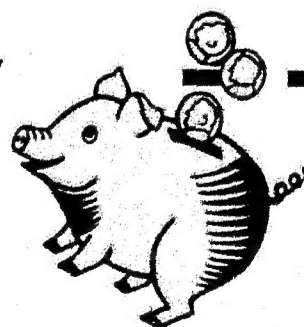
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Obituaries



DARYL R. BROWN

Daryl R. Brown, 57, died Jan. 1, 2013 at a Bangor hospital, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Rumford Sept. 5, 1955, the son of John K. Brown and Wilma Beth Brown Awaft.

Daryl worked for over 20 years, selling Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep vehicles. He enjoyed his work and took great pride in it. He loved bargain shopping, gathering toys to give to the children of customers at the dealership.

He enjoyed cruises to Bermuda, photography and the simple things in life. Daryl was an avid movie goer, often seeing two a week.

Surviving are his wife, Gail Ledford; three children, Dustin Lovell and her husband John; Damien Brown and his wife Holly; Danton Brown and Whitney Smith; step-children, Amanda and Zachary Ledford; grandchildren, Justina Brown, Leia Lovell, Abigail Brown, Noah Brown and Landon Ledford; two brothers, Michael Brown and Eric Brown and his wife Ellen; aunts: Musa Brown and Carol Jordan; an uncle, Hugh Swan; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Kevin and Neal Brown.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St. Bangor, with the Rev. Art Gowie, officiating. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

JANE DAVIS

Jane Davis, 68, of Woodstock lost her year and a half battle with ovarian cancer on Jan. 4, 2013 surrounded by her family.

Jane was a long-time Mainer. She built her house up on a mountain in Woodstock to be closer to areas and people involved in her hobbies of rock hounding and gem cutting. Jane came to Maine from the Philadelphia area in 1983 to work for WVII-TV on a one-year contract. She decided to stay so her children could graduate from Bangor High School and never left.

Jane obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from UMO and went on to get a Masters of Business Administration in 1996 from Husson. She then spent two years as supervisor with the US Postal Service in Portland.

She was a member of the Maine Air National Guard, retiring from the 101st AREFW in 1993. Jane served an active duty tour in Washington, DC in support of the Gulf War in 1991. Jane also worked in sales, real estate, delivered mail, loved selling on eBay and buying at auc-

tions. She was a volunteer with Northeast COMBAT. Although she loved the Oxford Hills area, Jane spent plenty of time traveling to all seven continents. She also did motivational travel presentations for various groups.

At home Jane was active in the Oxford County Gem & Mineral Association, editing the newsletter until her illness. She was a member of the South Paris American Legion and the Norway-Paris Kiwanis. She was a life member of American Mensa and an Endowment Member of the NRA. Jane won many trophies for her shooting ability.

Jane is survived by her three children, Frederick Davis III of Langhorne, Penn., Alicia Romac of Bennington, Vt., and Scot Davis of Conway, S.C.; a brother, Michael Koffley of Bristol, Penn.; an aunt and uncle, Jane and Charles Wiedemann of McHenry, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter plus numerous cousins, a niece and a nephew.

Services are Friday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 163 Mount Vernon Street, Augusta, Maine.



JOHN S. GREENLEAF
John S. Greenleaf, 84, of Bethel, died on Jan. 2, 2013; family members were with him.

John Stevens Greenleaf was born on Oct. 27, 1928, in the section of Bethel, Maine, known as The Park. He was the third child and second son of Dr. Sherman S. and Mabel Stevens Greenleaf.

John attended schools in Bethel, graduating in 1946 from Gould Academy, where he ran hurdles on the track team. He attended Michigan State for a year. He graduated in 1952 from the University of Maine at Orono with a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry.

Beginning in 1948, he spent several years working part time at Riverside Farm in Mayville. He also worked as an apprentice embalmer for his father at Greenleaf Funeral Home.

In June 1952 he married Barbara L. Babb of Somersworth, N.H., and the couple made their home in Bethel, raising two daughters and a son. They bought a house on Sunset Road where John lived until his death.

John worked with Mary-Abbie Kilgore in leading a successful Oxford County 4-H group known as the Happy Herdsmen. John was an active member of the Bethel Jaycees in the early 1960's. He was a member of the Bethel Methodist Church, where he served on several committees and sang in the

choir.

John worked as a carpenter for Stanley Davis and then for many years with George Olson. While working in construction, he developed an interest in electricity and became an apprentice electrician, eventually becoming a Master Electrician. He went into business for himself and was well-known as an electrician in Bethel and surrounding towns. He often was late for family holiday dinners because he'd get a call and head out to fix someone's stove so they could cook their holiday dinner.

In July 1974, John married Arlene Mary Chase, and added another daughter and son to the family. The family spent time canoeing and camping on the Saco River, going on day trips to various amusement parks and historic sites.

John worked with the Bethel Ambulance Service for 53 years, beginning at age 12 for his father who had established the service. He continued as a member of the Bethel Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Squad, retiring from ambulance service in 1983. In 2006, the ambulance facility in Bethel was named Greenleaf Station in honor of the Greenleaf family's contributions to emergency care in the Bethel area.

John served as Civil Defense Director in Bethel for many years, maintaining an emergency command center with an on-call crew and a mobile unit.

For several years, John was a CB radio operator, collecting call cards from across the country. He loved animals, maintaining feeders for birds, squirrels, turkeys, and the occasional bear. John often hand-fed raccoons, calling them down from the trees. Dogs at the places he worked benefited from the treats he carried in his work van.

John had a great sense of humor and was known to enjoy a practical joke or two. He was lots of fun to go shopping with.

John loved singing, often entertaining family and friends with a variety of songs in the car, at gatherings, and everywhere he went. He could often be heard humming while he worked. He also loved dancing, playing horseshoes, and spending time at his camp on Songo Pond. His family was the backbone of his life; his children and grandchildren were always trying to imitate his ear and nose wiggling.

John was loving, soft-spoken, kind-hearted, and generous; a true gentleman. The number of people, young and old, whose lives were touched by John in some way will never be known. He will be greatly missed.

He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Arlene G. Brown; a brother, S. Eldon Greenleaf; and son, Edward M. in July of 2012.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Arlene; daughters, Christine H.G. Swain and husband Ross of Andover; Joan Ellen Greenleaf of Standish; Sondra G. Withey and husband Rod of Greenwood; son, Bruce S. Greenleaf and wife Su-

san of Granville, Vt.; daughter-in-law, Kathy S. Greenleaf of Biddeford; and brother, Robert L. Greenleaf of North Scituate, R.I. Also surviving are grandchildren, Steven, Ryan, Jillian, Abby, and Joshua Greenleaf; Catharine Mosley; Erin Young; Burton, Rodney II, Scott, Christopher, and Anna-belle Withey; Rachel Gliotti; 8 great-grandchildren; his first wife, Barbara Nason of Sanford; and several nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandler-funerals.com.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, at the Greenleaf Chapel of Chandler Funeral Home on 37 Vernon Street, Bethel, from 6 to 8 p.m. A service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., also at the Greenleaf Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in John's name be made to the Bethel Ambulance Service, c/o Mary Buckman, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217.



JEAN E. OLSEN

Jean E. Olsen, 90, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013 at her residence on the Swift River Road, Mexico, Maine, with her loving family by her side.

She was born in Rumford, Maine, on Jan. 8, 1922, the daughter of John and Julia (Murdoch) Renne, and graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford.

Jean had taught at HOPE School in Mexico for many years. She had been a

very active member of the Rumford United Methodist Church where she had served on many committees and had been in the church choir and the "Church Belles." She was a Life Member of Mt. Zion Chapter 142, O. E. S.

Jean was married in Rumford on June 7, 1948, to Michael R. "Mickey" Olsen who died in Mexico, Maine, on Nov. 5, 2002.

Survivors include her son Michael Olsen and wife Mary of Newport News, Va.; Daughter-in-law Susan Olsen of Mexico; grandchildren: Erica Hodge and husband Peter of San Diego, Calif., Laurie Santillo and husband Ralph of Mexico, Sheri Bloor and husband Carl of Mexico, Kathy Olsen and companion Kim Freeborough of Hampton, Va., and Kristen Gulla and husband David of Newport News, Va.; great-grandchildren: Amber, Cameron, Celina, Dylan, Alex, Abby and Skylee; nephews: Arthur Meader and wife Sheila of Rumford, Robert Meader and

companion Santo Sengupta of Pawtucket, R.I., and James Brown and wife Judi of Mariottsville, Md.; and a special friend, Jerry Chambers of Mexico.

And was predeceased by her parents, her husband, son John R. Olsen, and sister Julia Meader.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their condolences, thoughts and memories online at www.mead-erandson.com. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 at the Virgin Memorial Chapel of the Rumford United Methodist Church, Linnell Street, Rumford, Maine with Pastor Carol Stevens officiating. Friends are invited to call after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church prior to the funeral. Interment in the spring will be at the Farington-Morton Cemetery, Mexico, Maine. Those who desire, please contribute to the Rumford United Methodist Church, c/o James Robertson, 724 Forest Avenue, Rumford, ME 04276 in her memory.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lamontagne

Jennifer Hayes, daughter of Janet Villacaro of Bryant Pond, and Carl Lamontagne, son of Raphael and Pauline Lamontagne of South Paris were married Nov. 23, 2012 at sunset at Portluc Beach, Oahu, Hawaii.

Carl and Jennifer were accompanied by Jennifer's daughter, Madison, and Jennifer's sister, Gayle Brown of Bryant Pond. Carl's parents and sister, Marlene, also were present to support the couple's union.

Carl is a 1988 graduate of Oxford Hills High School and is president of Rapid Ralph and Son Concrete Inc., in South Paris.

Jennifer graduated from Telstar Regional High School in 1988 and owns J.R. Hayes and Daughter Landscaping, serving western Maine.

The couple resides in Norway, Maine.

BETHEL YOUTH BASKETBALL

Bethel Youth Basketball for elementary school age children starts January 12th at Crescent Park School. The program will run every Saturday for eight weeks, with two weeks of practice followed by four weeks of games, ending the season with a two week tournament. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, January 14th at Crescent Park School. Cost is \$15.00 per child if Bethel resident or \$20.00 for non-residents. There are three different groups with these times. Please come when it's your child's time.

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